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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Sefton Safer Communities Partnership

Thursday 12th March, 2020

10.00 am, Town Hall, Bootle

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Dear Councillor/Member

SEFTON SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP - THURSDAY 12TH MARCH, 2020

I refer to the agenda for the above meeting and now enclose the following reports which were unavailable when the agenda was published.

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7	Domestic and Sexual Abuse Update from Steven Martlew, Localities Service Manager – North.
8	Refugee and Asylum seekers Update from Steven Martlew, Localities Service manager - North

Yours faithfully,

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Briefing to: Sefton Safer Communities Partnership

Briefing from: Steve Martlew, Localities Service Manager

Date: 12 March 2020

Subject: Domestic Abuse Update

Author: Steve Martlew, Localities Service Manager

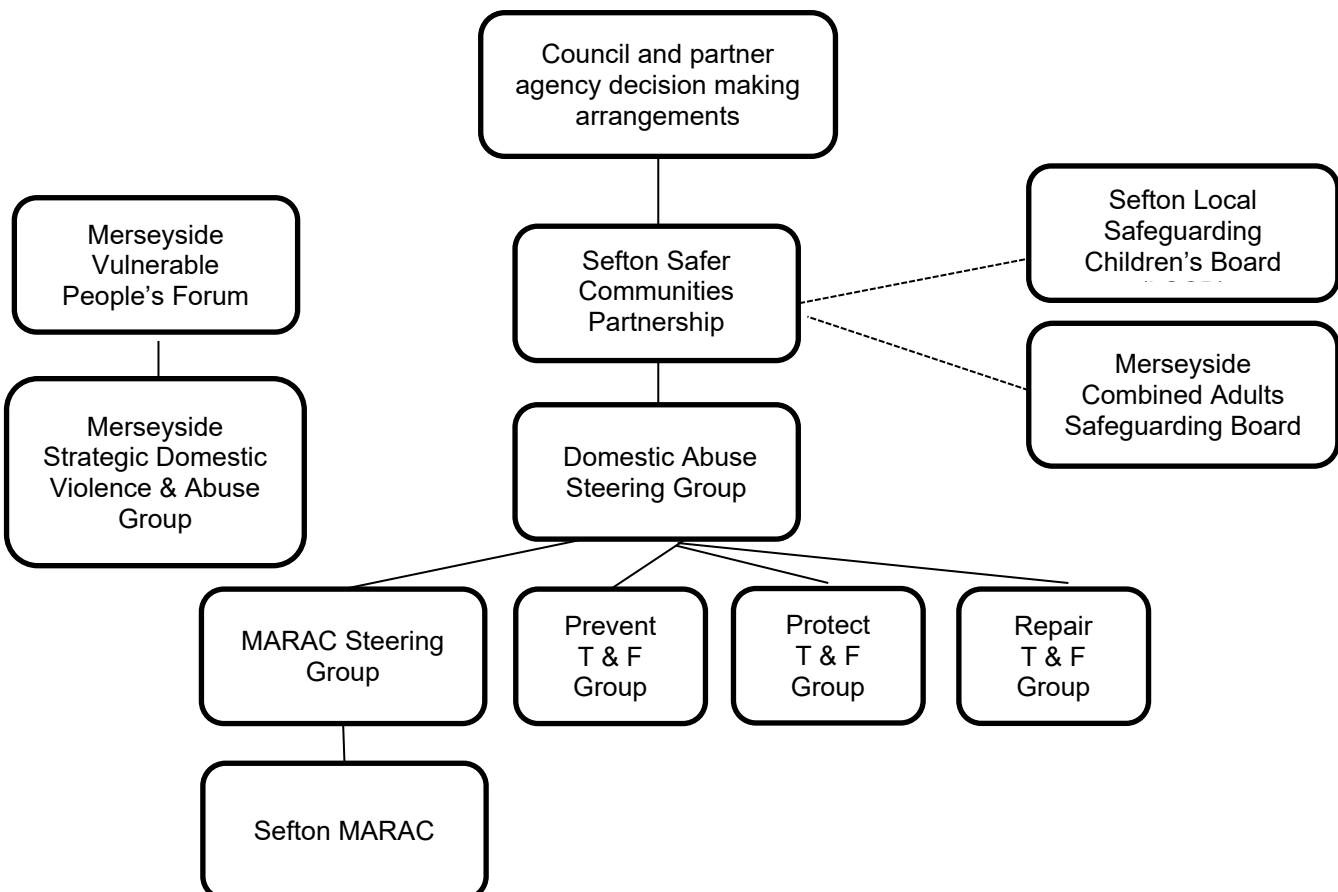
1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update SSCP with regards to Domestic Abuse. SSCP are asked to agree to the recommendations at the end of the report.

2. Governance Review

- 2.1 Following recent poor attendance at both Operational and Executive Groups as well as times of limited resources a brief governance review of Domestic Abuse has been completed. The recommendations are to merge both the operational group and the executive group into a single Domestic Abuse Steering Group. There will be individually themed task and finish groups, aligned to the 3 themes within the DA Strategy (Prevent, Protect, Repair) that will contain relevant staff from agencies, not necessarily those that attend the Steering Group. This will enable organisations to shape outcomes that are within their sphere of expertise. All other governance arrangements will remain the same. Table 1 demonstrates the new arrangements.

2.2 New Governance Arrangements



3. LCR Dispersed Accommodation Project 2020/21

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- 3.1 MHCLG have approved the successful funding application from Knowsley Council on behalf of the LCR to extend the Dispersed Accommodation project into 2020/21. The funding bid was for £400K and MHCLG have agreed funding of £340K. They were not prepared to fund the £60K target hardening element of the application as they felt this was capital works. SSCP will recall this project is not refuge provision but helps support DA victims in a managed move that will provide stability and sustainability for the future. Throughout the life of the scheme so far Sefton have made 34 referrals to the project.

4. Target Hardening

- 4.1 As mentioned in paragraph 3.1 the funding for carrying out target hardening will no longer be available from April 2020. Target hardening is a key tool available to assist with safety planning and risk reduction for DA victims. The cost to procure a 3 year target hardening contract, based on current referral levels to the service would be approximately £30k. Given there is an underspend in the SSCP budget that would cover this cost we are requesting that this underspend be used in order to ensure there is no break in this valuable service.

5 Domestic Abuse Conference

- 5.1 The annual Sefton Domestic Abuse Conference takes place on Thursday 26 March 2020 from 9.30am-16:00 at Linacre Methodist Mission, 123-129 Linacre Road, Bootle, L21 8NS

The link to book onto the event is below

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/domestic-abuse-conference-tickets-93292399077>

Theatre group Aftathought will provide a performance, there will be workshops for delegates to take part in and the guest speaker is Dr Emma Katz from Liverpool University who will speak on Coercive and Controlling behaviour.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 SSCP are asked to approve

The change is governance structure

The use of SSCP underspend in 2019/20 to fund a 3 year target hardening contract

To book onto the annual DA Conference and circulate amongst relevant staff in their organisations.

Steve Martlew
Locality Service Manager
5 March 2020

Briefing to: Sefton Community Safety Partnership

Briefing from: Steve Martlew, Localities Service Manager

Date: 12 March 2020

Subject: Asylum Seeker & Refugee Update

Author: Steve Martlew, Localities Service Manager

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of the report is to update SSCP on Asylum and Refugee issues.

2. Recommendation

2.1 SSCP note the contents of the report.

3. Refugee Resettlement

3.1 Sefton Council made a pledge to settle 125 people over the four-year period 2015-2019. Following a request from the Home office via the Liverpool City Region Refugee Programme, Sefton agreed to settle a further 25 people in 2020 meaning a total number of 150 refugees will be settled in the Borough by March 2021.

3.2 As at 5 March 2020 115 Refugees have been resettled meaning we are on target to reach our 150 quota by March 2021. The scheme remains cost neutral to the Council with all commissioning costs being met via the Resettlement Grant received from the Home Office via the LCR

3.3 Housing and support has been very successful and has been delivered in partnership with our commissioned provider South Sefton Housing Group (Bosco Society Ltd, Venus, Excell Housing and New Start). Families have settled predominantly in the Linacre & Derby wards (South Sefton) and there has been sufficient capacity within the education and health environment to manage this additional demand.

4. Asylum Seekers

4.1 Asylum Seekers are housed and supported through the National Asylum Support Service contract between Serco and the Home Office. Migrant Help offer a telephone and web chat service for asylum seekers wishing to complain about their housing or support or to raise other issues like repairs. This is done through the Advice, Issue Reporting and Eligibility (AIRE) service. We work with Serco to ensure that they procure properties in the right place without creating additional demand on services such as Education or Health. We currently have 222 Asylum Seekers housed and supported in the borough. These are predominantly single males. The top 3 nationalities are currently Iranian, Iraqi and Albanian. The top 3 languages are Kurdish, Arabic and Farsi.

5. Sefton Asylum, Refugee and Migration Forum

5.1 The forum met for the first time in over 6 months on Monday 24 February 2020. The forum is a key platform locally to identify issues and themes that can be escalated via the governance structure. There was a good cross reference of agencies present including, Migrant Help, Merseyside Police, Sefton CCG, Serco, Liverpool City Region and the Home Office. The forum will meet quarterly and we want to encourage all groups that work with asylum seekers, refugees or migrants to attend and share their experiences and issues.

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6. Recommendations

6.1 SSCP notes the contents of this report

Steve Martlew
Locality Service Manager
5 March 2020