

**AGENDA**

**Sefton Safer Communities Partnership**

**Thursday 10th June, 2021**

**10.00 am, Remote Meeting**

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**MEMBERSHIP:**

**Councillors: Trish Hardy, John Sayers and Simon Shaw, Helen Armitage, Jenny Currie, Tracy Forshaw, Neil Frackelton, Martin Gay, Tony Harland, Sue Holden, Stephen Martlew, Janette Maxwell, Ian Parry, Brendan Prescott, Nicola Horn, Superintendent Graeme Robson, Karen Rooney, Kevin Sexton, Rosanna Stanley, Linda Turner, Andrea Watts and Chris White.**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Members are requested at a meeting where a disclosable pecuniary interest or personal interest arises, which is not already included in their Register of Members' Interests, to declare any interests that relate to an item on the agenda.

Where a Member discloses a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, he/she must withdraw from the meeting room by switching their camera and microphone off during the whole consideration of any item of business in which he/she has an interest, except where he/she is permitted to remain as a result of a grant of a dispensation.

Where a Member discloses a personal interest he/she must seek advice from the Monitoring Officer or staff member representing the Monitoring Officer by 12 Noon the day before the meeting to determine whether the Member should withdraw from the meeting room, during the whole consideration of any item of business in which he/she has an interest or whether the Member can remain in the meeting or remain in the meeting and vote on the relevant decision.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2021

**4. Domestic Abuse and Domestic Homicide Reviews**

Chris White/Janette Maxwell

**5. Homeless Person Sudden Death Review**

Chris White

**6. Local Policing update, including update on actions against Scrambler bikes**

Superintendent Graeme Robson

**7. Integrated Youth Services**

Report of Ros Stanley - Localities Service Manager – South.

**8. PREVENT Verbal Update**

Chris White

**9. Any Other Business**

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 9 September 2021, at the Town Hall, Bootle, commencing at 10:00 am.

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## SEFTON SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP

### REMOTE MEETING THURSDAY 11 MARCH 2021

PRESENT: Councillor Hardy (in the Chair)  
Councillor Simon Shaw, Robert Brennan, Ian Davey,  
Tracy Forshaw, Neil Frackelton, Michelle Kirk,  
Janette Maxwell, Paul McCann, Paul McGuinness,  
Chief Inspector Michael O'Malley Superintendent  
Graeme Robson, Kevin Sexton, Rosanna Stanley,  
Chris White, and Tanya Wilcock.

#### **40. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor John Sayers, Helen Armitage (Consultant in Public Health), Jenny Currie (Merseyside PCC), Martin Gay (Senior Probation Officer, Sefton LDU and IOM), Tony Harland (MFRA) Sue Holden (Sefton CVS), Karen Rooney (Merseyside CRC) and Steve Martlew (Localities Service Manager).

#### **41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interests or personal interests were received.

#### **42. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

#### **43. FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEW**

Steve Martlew – Localities Service Manager submitted a report dealing with the funding arrangements and options for Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) and seeking financial support from the Statutory Agencies that formed the SSCP to cover the costs of future DHR's.

RESOLVED: that

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) the proposal that Statutory Agencies from the Partnership undertake to financially support the cost of future DHR's be approved.

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## **44. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE**

The Partnership received a verbal update from Superintendent Graeme Robson highlighting:

COVID continued to dominate activities;  
Traditional crime had reduced with, for example, burglaries reduced by 10%.;  
The significant reduction in firearms offences compared to previous years had continued;  
Thefts of bicycles and equipment from sheds was a cause for concern;  
Arrests had been made following a spate of business burglaries in the Southport area, with much property returned;  
There had been recent arrests regarding drug related offences;  
There had been a lot of work around activities on the Sefton coast with regard to COVID related offences and anti-social behaviour

Superintendent Robson made particular reference to the pathway out of lockdown and the issues which would need to be addressed in terms of the night time economy, visits to the area, particularly the coast and facilities for young people.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted.

## **45. STOP HATE UK PRESENTATION**

Ian Davey from Stop Hate UK gave a presentation on the work of Stop Hate UK both Nationally and in Sefton. He gave an indication of national issues and trends and also indicated that the numbers of complaints from the Sefton area was low compared to the national average.

Mr Davey also gave an indication of the ongoing work of Stop Hate UK and informed members in particular that to reflect the trend of increased reporting by electronic means Stop Hate UK would be launching an App on 23 March 2021, which would enable reporting and would also allow for the capture of evidence.

RESOLVED: That the presentation be noted.

## **46. SEFTON COUNCILS HATE CRIME / EQUALITIES STRATEGY**

Paul McCann (VCF & Equalities Officer) gave a presentation regarding activities around Hate Crime, Equality and Diversity being carried out by Sefton Council which highlighted the following:

- Corporate Equality Group

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- Equality and Diversity Policy
- Training
- Corporate Initiatives
- Activity for 2021/22

RESOLVED: That the presentation be noted.

## **47. EQUALITIES AND HATE CRIME - LOCAL REPORTS**

At minute No. 29 of the previous meeting it had been agreed that some of the issues raised in the Community Safety Strategic Assessment be considered by the Board during 2021 as single agenda item meetings to allow for in depth discussion on that particular subject.

The first of these had been selected as Hate Crime/Equalities and the Partnership considered the following reports detailing how individual partner organisations were dealing with this issue:

### **A. OPCS Hate Crime support commissioned services**

Report of Jenny Currie - Community Engagement Officer

### **B. Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service - Overview of Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Hate Crime**

Report presented by Michelle Kirk (MFRS E&D Team)

### **C. What have South Sefton CCG and Southport and Formby CCG been doing to promote the hate crime/ equalities agenda within the workplace and across the workforce?**

Report Presented by Tracy Forshaw NHS South Sefton Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS Southport and Formby Clinical Commissioning Group.

### **D. SWACA's contribution to promoting and supporting the Hate Crime / Equalities agenda within the workforce / workplace**

Report of Neil Frackelton - Chief Executive Sefton Women's and Children's Aid.

### **E. Integrated Youth Services - Equalities and Hate Crime**

Report of Ros Stanley - Localities Service Manager - South.

### **F. Chesterfield High School - Safer Communities Report**

Report of Kevin Sexton – Headteacher.

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**G National Probation Service and Merseyside Community Rehabilitation Company - Promotion of the Hate Crime/Equalities Agenda within Workplaces and across the Workforce**

Report of Martin Gay - Senior Probation Officer.

**H. Sefton CVS**

Report of Robert Brennan Sefton CVS Equalities.

**I. Merseyside Police**

Report of Michael O'Malley – Chief Inspector Sefton Community Policing

**J. Merseyside Community Rehabilitation Company (MCRC)**

Report of Karen Rooney - Community Director

Arising from the discussion the Chair referred to a number of issues which had arisen across a number of the reports:

Under reporting of crimes was a challenging area;  
The importance of training;  
Awareness;  
Support for victims; and  
Prevention.

RESOLVED: That the reports be noted and all organisations be thanked for the detailed and thorough reports provided.

**48. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**(a) Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service – Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2021-24**

Paul McGuinness informed the Partnership that the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service – Integrated Risk Management Plan 2021-24 was currently available for consultation until 24 May 2021. The plan and online survey was available on [merseyfire.gov.uk](http://merseyfire.gov.uk).

RESOLVED: That the consultation be noted and members be invited to take part in the consultation.

**(b) Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner**

The Chair referred to the Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner, Jane Kennedy who had indicated that she would not be seeking re-election when her current term of office ended. The Chair commented on the importance of the support and funding

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provided to the Partnership by the Police and Crime Commissioner during her terms of office.

RESOLVED: that the Partnership's appreciation of the support and funding provided by the Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner during her terms of office be placed on record.

**(c) Tanya Wilcock – Head of Communities**

The Chair informed the Partnership that this would be the last meeting which Tanya Wilcock (Head of Communities) would be attending, owing to her being appointed to a new role. She paid tribute to her excellent work and contribution to the work of the Partnership.

RESOLVED: That the appreciation of the Partnership at the excellent work and contribution to the Partnership by Mrs Wilcock be place on record.

**49. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting be held on Thursday 10 June 2021 commencing at 10.00am;

The Chair also informed members that the Council at its meeting in January had approved the following programme of meetings for the partnership for 2021/2022:

Thursday 9 September 2021 commencing at 10.00am;  
Thursday 9 December 2021 commencing at 10.00am; and  
Thursday 17 March 2022 commencing at 10.00am.

The meetings would continue to be held remotely until such time as the circumstances allowed face to face meetings to take place.

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**Briefing to:** Sefton Safer Communities Partnership  
**Briefing from:** Ros Stanley  
**Date:** June 2021  
**Subject:** Integrated Youth Services  
**Prepared by:** Ros Stanley

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## 1. Purpose / Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the SSCP regarding progress and achievements of Integrated Youth Services since March 2021.

2. **Recommendation(s):** The SSCP notes the report.

## 3. Youth Offending Team (YOT)

### 3.1 YOT Performance

3.1.2 This report is to provide a summary of the Youth Offending Team's performance in relation to nationally and locally set key performance indicators. National data is sourced via Police National Computer (PNC) and is the latest available. Local data is sourced via Child View, a live database. Data extracted from Child View is a snapshot of a point in time and therefore is an approximation rather than an absolute. Local statistics for 2020/21 may have been affected due to courts being closed as a result of COVID-19, these will continue to be monitored.

3.1.3 First Time Entrants (FTE) relates to those young people who receive a criminal record for the first time. During January to December 2018 the rate of FTE's in Sefton was 215 compared with 171 during January to December 2019 a reduction of 44 per 100,000. In actual numbers this translates in a decrease from 51 to 41 in the same period. Sefton's continues to be proactive through prevention strategies, particularly with out of court disposals and the use of community resolution plus. Local tracking for past three years evidences continued reduction in the number of FTE. During Q4 2020/21 there were zero first time entrants recorded.

3.1.4 Re-offending is defined as the percentage of those young people who have re-offended from an identified cohort of first offenders. Previously to June 2019, anti-social behaviour incidents were recorded as offences on Child View suggesting an increasing rate in re-offending. Since June 2019 recording of incidents and offences were recorded separately and tracked locally which has shown a decrease in the number of re-offenders for 2019. The report factors in a reduced number of offences and incidents recorded during 2020/21, a likely impact of Covid-19.

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- 3.1.5 National re-offending data for Sefton for 2016/17 was at 47.7%, during 2017/18 there was an increase to 49.6%. Local tracking suggests historical data will show a further increase for 2018/19 before showing a decrease for 2019/20 reflecting locally tracked data. In Sefton during January 2017 to December 2017 the rate of re-offending was 49.6% compared with 49.6% during January 2018 to December 2018. The YOT family average was 39.5%.
- 3.1.6 Our reoffending rate is higher than previously, however the number of children in the cohort has reduced although they present a greater level of complexity, impacting on their offending behaviour. The reduction in numbers is a national trend and influenced by the slower processing of matters at court, however early indications reveal that court throughput will increase as restrictions lift and Sefton expects an increase in numbers by the summer.
- 3.1.7 Custody Rate is the number of young people receiving a custodial sentence. Local tracking shows for the past 3 years there have been three custodial sentences recorded, two during Q2 2018/19 and one during Q3 2019/20 with zero young people receiving a custodial sentence during January to December 2020. Sefton has the lowest rate of custody amongst the Merseyside YOTs and the YOT family. Performance continues to be extremely good
- 3.1.8 During 2019/20 there were 243 offences committed compared with 182 post lockdown, a reduction of 61. During 2019/20 the largest number of offences committed were for Violence Against the Person with 29%, compared with 2020/21 where the largest number of offences committed were for Drugs with 45%, highlighting a reduction in the number of offences recorded post lockdown and a reduction of serious offences.
- 3.1.9 Currently both national and local tracking show Sefton YOT to have strong performance regarding first time entrants and custody rates. Sefton YOT continues to be proactive through prevention strategies reducing the number of young people who receive a criminal record for the first time and continues to perform extremely well having the lowest rate of custody amongst Merseyside YOT's and the YOT family.

## 3.2 **Contact with young people**

- 3.2.1 It is still considered necessary to complete a Covid assessment for every child in response to the pandemic. This assessment includes factors pertinent to YOT regarding mental health, education and training, supporting services and risk levels. These will enable a clear and tailored plan for each child to identify the most appropriate method of engagement.
- 3.2.2 Managers regularly review the method and type of intervention for each case. This could include direct contact through home visits, door step visits or in a safe place including council building. Engagement contact continues via the use of telephone, virtually and face to face, adhering to social distancing.

## 3.3 **Interventions**

- 3.3.1 Planning ahead, Sefton YOT are currently working in partnership with Early Help and Digital Advantage (professionals working in the creative technological sector) to develop a programme aimed at ten young people who have creative and technological interests and are interested in short film making. The programme outcomes are to build confidence, increase both technical and communication skills and increase individual employability.
- 3.3.2 In May YOT are delivering a new programme called Help for Young People is a healthy relationships programme designed for males who have been identified as experiencing relationship difficulties with parents or guardians and who would acknowledge that their own behaviours within the relationship have been problematic.
- 3.3.3 YOT are targeting males age 13 – 16 years who have exhibited violence or aggression towards parents or guardian. The Programme outlines key elements of a positive male role model that can develop and sustain healthy relationships and explores the values attitudes and skills that reflect this.

## 4 Youth Service

- 4.1 Staff from both the youth service and commissioned providers have completed ICAN training, the training is focused on techniques to inspire and support young people to identify skills and develop potential.
- 4.2 As restrictions lift, youth service staff will start to deliver more face to face sessions and increase outreach provision towards the summer, they will link in with partners to identify areas that may be experiencing anti-social behaviour.
- 4.3 Continued use of Social Media Platforms to highlight services and opportunities open to both young people and parents is ongoing. To support mental health the youth service have highlighted Kooth to support re-engage and heighten awareness of the online counselling service available. The Kooth Engagement worker will offer training to schools/providers on to both the benefits and how to access the service.

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