

AGENDA

Sefton Safer Communities Partnership

Thursday 9th September, 2021

10.00 am, Microsoft Teams Remote Meeting

MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor Trish Hardy, Councillor John Sayers, Councillor Simon Shaw, Helen Armitage, Jenny Currie, Tracy Forshaw, Neil Frackelton, Martin Gay, Tony Harland, Sue Holden, Nicola Horn, Superintendent Graeme Robson, Karen Rooney and Kevin Sexton

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

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3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2021.

4. Sefton DHR9 - Presentation on Key Findings and Learning

Localities Team Manager - North

5. Local Policing Update

Superintendent of Merseyside Police.

6. PREVENT Verbal Update

Localities Team Manager – South.

7. Integrated Youth Support Report

Localities Services Manager – South.

8. Any Other Business

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9 December 2021, at Town Hall, Bootle, commencing at 9:30 am.

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SEFTON SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP

MEETING HELD AT THE REMOTE MEETING ON THURSDAY 10 JUNE, 2021

PRESENT: Councillor Hardy (in the Chair)
Councillors John Sayers, Martin Chambers,
Jenny Currie, Forshaw, Neil Frackleton, Allan
Glennon, Sue Holden, Nicola Horn, Eleanor
Surridge, Chief Inspector O'Malley, Ian Mullen,
Graham Parry, and Chris White

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from: Helen Armitage (Consultant in Public Health), Superintendent Robson (Merseyside Police), Tony Harland (MFRA), and Steve Martlew (Interim Head of Communities).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 March, 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

4. DOMESTIC ABUSE AND DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEWS

Chris White provided an update on Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs). There were five current cases: two were live; one almost complete; and a further two were awaiting decisions. Further to Minute No.43 (Resolution 2) of the meeting of the 11 March, 2021, regarding the funding of DHRs there had been a low response. Cllr. Hardy agreed that she would write to partner organisations to formally request that the Statutory Agencies from the Partnership that formed the SSCP cover the costs of future DHRs.

The Victims of Domestic Abuse Bill had received Royal Assent and been passed into law. 'Burden funding' would be received from central government to assist with implementing the new Act.

Neil Frackleton commented that there was a significant level of risk, we had to be alert to all issues. There was a rise in issue complexity, most victims were female. The Chair remarked on the importance of early intervention, there was a direct significant impact on people's lives; and it was crucial to stop generational patterns emerging.

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RESOLVED: That

- (1) the presentation be noted; and
- (2) the Chair write to the Statutory Agencies, from the Partnership, to formally request an undertaking to financially support the cost of future DHRs.

5. HOMELESS PERSON SUDDEN DEATH REVIEW

Chris White gave a verbal update on the Homeless Person Sudden Death Review. He commented on: the engagement with adjacent bodies across local authority borders; the Council 'Sit Up' and cold weather service; and safeguarding training for staff.

Graham Parry contributed, that since the Covid-19 pandemic, and the commencement of the 'Everybody In' initiative, meant that the 'Sit Up' service, and its use of communal sleeping spaces would, hopefully, be consigned to history. No one should be simply offered just floor space and a sleeping bag to address their homelessness.

The Chair requested a formal update, including information on drug and alcohol service data for the September meeting of the Partnership.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the update be noted; and
- (2) a report be requested from the Homeless service as they refresh their commissioning process and review their service offer; and
- (3) a report be requested from the Alcohol and Drug services to be presented at a future meeting of the SSCP.

6. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE, INCLUDING UPDATE ON ACTIONS AGAINST SCRAMBLER BIKES

The Partnership received a verbal update from Chief Inspector O'Malley highlighting:

- Scrambler bikes, and new trend towards eBikes being used in criminal activities. Scrambler bikes were loud, anti-social, and once out of petrol very heavy to push home – meaning that often the Police could put measures in place to curtail their use and apprehend offenders. However, there was a new trend towards eBikes, which were silent, very light and manoeuvrable, and, once adapted with the removal of the manufacturer's speed limiters, could reach speed of up to 70 miles per hour. The Police were faced with a dilemma, they had a duty to protect the public from the reckless use of eBikes, but pursuing perpetrators could lead to

reckless riding to evade capture. There was recently an incident on Buckley Hill where eBike riders were riding at people playing football.

- 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. Gatherings on the beach, often organised on social media, were placing night time economy activities alongside families simply trying to enjoy a day at the beach. Formby, and Crosby attracted people from across the northwest of England and beyond, with travel overseas limited and very few domestic holidays available the issue around gatherings was exacerbated. When necessary, dispersal zones would be implemented - but it was tricky to negotiate the line letting residents enjoy their countryside and being accused of being 'heavy-handed', in particular the installation of 'knife arches' at Formby Railway Stations would not be desirable.
- There had been positive feedback from school Officers. Chris White added that the Scrambler Bike Project 2019 had not been completed, prize winners were now being given awards rather than the 'trip' that had been the original prize. The new initiative would have five winners (one selected from each of the participating schools) and from those there would be one overall winner. The overall winner would have their poster 'wrapped' around a car.
- Crime figures appeared to be returning at a pre-Covid level, for example, there had been a slight rise in high value vehicle crime.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted.

7. INTEGRATED YOUTH SERVICES

The Partnership considered a briefing paper on progress and achievements of Integrated Youth Services since March 2021.

RESOLVED:

That the briefing paper be noted.

8. PREVENT VERBAL UPDATE

Chris White gave a verbal update on PREVENT. There were currently three live cases: two males; one female. Two were in the 30+ age bracket, one was in the 0-17 bracket. Two were involving far right extremism, and one was of no fixed position. Two further cases were being considered for inclusion in the programme.

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RESOLVED:

That the update be noted.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jennie Currie advised of the election of a new Police and Crime Commissioner for Merseyside, Emily Spurrell.

The Chair suggested a refresh information report on child exploitation. Nicola Horn commented on the speed with which new social media platforms were emerging, and the difficulties with trying to keep abreast of the new technologies.

The Chair requested a refresh of the MoU (memorandum of understanding) between the SSCP and the LSCB (Local Safeguarding Children's Board) and to review the SSCP responsibility in the Child Exploitation agenda.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting be held on Thursday, **09 September, 2021** at **Bootle Town Hall**, commencing at **10:00**.

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

1. Purpose / Summary

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

3.1.4 **Reoffending** - In Sefton during April 2017 to March 2018 the rate of re-offending was 50.8% compared with 44.8% during April 2018 to March 2019 decrease of 6.02%. Sefton YOT had the third highest decrease in re-offending rates within the YOT family. During April 18 to March 2019 the number of reoffences committed per reoffender in Sefton were 2.29, a decrease compared with 2.97 during April 17 to 2018.

3.1.5 **First Time Entrants** - 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 is listed as the fifth YOT as having

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the lowest number of FTE's out of 11 similar YOT's from January 2019 to December 2019.

3.1.6 **Custody** – The custody rate is the number of young people receiving a custodial sentence. Sefton's custody rate during April 19 to March 20 was zero. Performance compares extremely well when compared to the YOT family.

3.2 Local Tracking

3.2.1 **First Time Entrants (2019/20 – 2021/22)** - Sefton's continues to be proactive through prevention strategies, particularly with out of court disposals. There has been continued reduction in the number of FTE's for each quarter apart from an increase to 12 during Q4 2019/20.

Q1 2019/20 had 10 FTE's, which reduced to 5 in Q1 2020/21 and a slight increase from 5 in 2020/21 to 7 in Q1 2021/22.

3.2.2 The 7 offences committed during Q1 2021/22 consisted of three motoring offences, three for violence against person, (two of which were for possession of a knife in a public place) and one for assault by beating, and one further offence for drugs - possession of cannabis. Four of the FTE's were not children looked after, three of which committed first times motoring offences and one for possession of cannabis. Three of the FTE's are children looked after whom committed first times offences for possession of knife blade in a public place and assault by beating. Each of the FTE's will be monitored throughout the three quarters and reported on.

3.2.3 Historical national data shows Sefton to have had an increased rate of re-offending during 2017/18 at 49.9% compared to 47.7% during 2016/17 at this time incidents were being recorded as offences, since recording methods were changed during 2019 local tracking has shown a reduction in the rate of re-offending. As suggested by local tracking re-offending increased slightly in April 17 to March 50.8% then fell to 44.8% during April 18 to March 19. Sefton YOT had the third highest decrease in re-offending rates within the YOT family.

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4 Operational Partnership Group

4.1 The Operational Partnership Group has recently been developed to reflect the YOT Management Board Partnership at a practitioner and front lime manager level, reporting back to the Board. Following a case mapping exercise (Appendix 1) the group has worked together to discuss the findings and identify themes which will be reported back to the YOT Management Board and in the meantime to the Early Help Partnership.

4.1.2 Key themes arising from the discussion include:

- Strengthening the team around the school – as primary school moves were identified as an issue and first indication of unmet need
- Lack of resources for older boys particularly for emotional support / ACES work
- Prevalence of cannabis use and engagement with WAVY is often compromised due to requirement for consent for referral
- Support for staff to be resilient when attempting to engage with challenging families as well as cutting through to the root causes of presenting issues
- Multiple changes of worker is an engagement barrier
- Young people without qualifications which can be a barrier to accessing apprenticeships as they haven't got English and maths, 6-8 week courses and views as less effective
- Many 14+ yp are not motivated or interested in school or college, but would engage with practical work therefore this may enable progress into employment
- Kick start scheme offers opportunities but only for 16-24yr olds who receive universal credit (which could be barrier for the family)
- Reduction in staffing numbers limits the time to build trusting relationships, and develop the right approach

4.2 The case mapping report has been shared with the Early Help Partnership. There is ongoing work relating to developing the team around the school and how workers can forge stronger relationships at an early stage with families so that they can challenge issues within the family home. The evidence from the case mapping exercise strengthens the case for change and the mapping exercise will be repeated for another cohort of young people.

5 **Boys Group – Help for Young People Programme**

5.1 This programme focused on healthy relationships for boys who have been identified as experiencing relationship difficulties with parents or guardians has concluded with success. The course leaders noted a significant improvement in young people's presentation, engagement and understanding. Initially, the boys talked about being excluded from school, smoking cannabis, that they didn't see the point in having a job and for those that attended further education they didn't recognise the value.

5.1.2 All boys had experienced relationship difficulties with families and peers. By the end of the programme, the course leaders reported much greater levels of engagement through participation, eye contact, taking responsibility for group arrangements, and building aspirations for their future. There were notable changes in how the young people recognised the value of education and the importance of family. Many talked about how they understood how they can influence relationships through positive contributions and their behaviour. They talked about developing trust in others and understood the meaning of empathy.

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5.2 We Are With You (WAWY)

5.2.1 Sefton YOT works closely with WAWY, the drugs and alcohol advice and support service for under 18's. Representatives from the service sit on the YOT Out of Court Disposal decision making panel each week to discuss cases referred in by police for diversionary intervention. YOTs are now able to divert young people who have been referred in for certain minor offences under Outcome 22 which offers an opportunity for educative work to be delivered by a partner agency negating the need for direct YOT involvement. Since January this year YOT has referred 41 young people who have admitted to being in possession of cannabis when stopped by police, via Outcome 22 to WAWY. Out of this number, 40 have engaged with the service and 1 refused which is a pleasing response.

6 Youth Service

6.1 The Youth Service outreach teams continue to support Anti -Social Behaviour Hot Spot areas utilising the Youth Bus and have concentrated on Bowersdale Park engaging with young people in attempts to prevent further problematic anti social Behaviour. This work has been carried out in partnership with Merseyside Police and Merseyside Fire and Rescue teams. The teams have also been in the local parks to offer support and diversion for young people who have moved from Bowersdale to other parks such as Caradoc Park and Pottersbarn Skate Park

6.2 Southport Detached Work

6.2.2 The team has been supporting the Parenting 2000 staff in Southport with a new project designed to educate young people around Criminal Exploitation, County Lines and Grooming. There are plans for Youth Outreach Workers to deliver this in the King's Gardens area of the town. The Southport youth work team is also continuing to travel around the area engaging young people and handing out information on local services.

6.3 Reading Project

6.3.1 The Youth Service has been supporting Cllr Atkinson at Aintree Community Centre with the Summer Reading project. This project has also provided opportunities for young people to engage in various confidence building activities throughout the summer period. At the end of August, the project will celebrate the young people's "graduation"

6.4 Operation Banger

6.4.1 Planning is now underway for Operation Banger, where Youth Workers will join up with relevant Council Departments as well as Merseyside Police and Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service to work with children and young people in preparation for the period between Halloween and Bonfire Night. The aim is to provide as many diversionary activities during this period as possible via the Youth Bus and commissioned organisations. It is hoped that a firework display

can go ahead this year and if this is the case, Youth Workers will be present to engage with children and young people on the night. The aim will be to keep everyone safe whilst ensuring that the community enjoy a night to remember.

6.5 Symbol

6.5.1 Following the last SYMBOL meeting, staff are working with Sefton CVS to consider ways young people can be better encouraged to engage with Youth Provision across the borough, particularly in terms of SYMBOL and Youth Voice. A Task and Finish group has been set up to explore the issue, this will also consider how staff can utilise social media to communicate with young people. It is hoped that school Police Officers will join Youth Workers to broaden their knowledge about youth provision in the borough so that children and young people with whom they work, will be encouraged by the school Police Officer engage in Sefton's youth provision.

6.6 Drugs and Mental Health Support

6.6.1 Youth Work staff in consultation with We Are with You are planning training for workers around substance misuse and young people. This is to encourage staff confidence in discussing referrals to the service and to plan some joint work using the Youth Bus in the community.

6.6.2 The Youth Service use of Social Media Platforms to highlight services and opportunities open to both young people and parents. To support mental health the youth service have highlighted Kooth to heighten awareness of the online counselling service available. The Kooth Engagement worker will offer training to schools and providers on the benefits and how to access the service.

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