

**AGENDA**

**Sefton Safer Communities Partnership**

**Thursday 9th December, 2021**

**10.00 am, Remote Meeting**

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**MEMBERSHIP:**

**Councillor: Trish Hardy, John Sayers, Simon Shaw, Helen Armitage, Jenny Currie, Simon Burnett, Tracy Forshaw, Neil Frackelton, Martin Gay, Tony Harland, Sue Holden, 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 9 September 2021

**4. SSCP - Relationship with Other Boards**

Andrea Watts

**5. Youth Service and Youth Engagement**

Chris White

**6. Youth Offending Team**

Ros Stanley

**7. Youth Anti-Social Behaviour - Partner Reports**

**7.1 Merseyside Police**

Superintendent Graeme Robson

**7.2 Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service**

Tony Harland

**7.3 Chesterfield High School**

Kevin Sexton

**7.4 Sefton CVS**

Sue Holden

**7.5 Public Health ASB Examples**

Helen Armitage

**8. Future agenda items - Integrated Offender Management - Prevent Duty - Drug and Alcohol Services**

**9. Future Name of Partnership**

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 17 March 2022, commencing at 10:00 am.

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## **SEFTON SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP**

### **MEETING HELD AS A MICROSOFT TEAMS REMOTE MEETING ON THURSDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Hardy (in the Chair)  
Councillors John Sayers, Helen Armitage,  
Jenny Currie, Neil Frackelton, Sue Holden,  
Superintendent Graeme Robson, Kevin Sexton,  
Rosanna Stanley and Chris White

#### **11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Martin Gay (Senior Probation Officer), Tony Harland (Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority), Steve Martlew (Interim Head of Communities) and Andrea Watts (Executive Director of People).

#### **12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

#### **13. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 June, 2021 be confirmed as the correct record.

#### **14. SEFTON DHR9 - PRESENTATION ON KEY FINDINGS AND LEARNING**

Carol Ellwood-Clarke and Sara Wallwork gave a presentation on the Domestic Homicide Review of 'Denise'. The presentation included the case details, methodology, family involvement, key issues and learning and subsequent recommendations.

The recommendations included:

- A review of the MARAC protocol
- An all agency review of their internal processes for documenting and flagging victims/perpetrators
- A review of the support 'offer' to complex case victims of domestic abuse
- Assurance and evidence of information sharing pathways from all agencies be provided to the Partnership

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- The provision of a learning document from the Partnership which captures the learning on this case
- Consideration from all agencies on how to ensure their staff take cognisance of the Mental Capacity Act 2005
- The provision of assurances from Merseyside Police and the National Probation Service that the Information Sharing Agreement was effectively embedded

Councillor Hardy called for a moment of reflection after the presentation and commented that there were lessons to learn from this review. Jan Marlow informed the Partnership that the CRC and National Probation Service were now combined, and staff would be subject to mandatory training when dealing with Domestic Abuse cases. Superintendent Graeme Robson praised the improvement in information sharing and outlined further positive action on behalf of the police. Janette Maxwell discussed the complex elements of the case and reiterated the importance of attending meetings as opposed to sending reports. Neil Frackelton commented on SWACA's (Sefton Women's and Children's Aid) role in the review and emphasised the importance of undertaking more work on coercion and control. Sara Wallwork and Carol Ellwood-Clarke underlined the challenges of putting the Mental Capacity Act 2005 into practice when dealing with future cases. Councillor Hardy stated that future cases and reviews would be tracked by the upcoming Domestic Abuse Partnership due to start in September.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted.

## 15. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE

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

- As restrictions eased, crimes that were less prevalent during the pandemic were making a return. Services needed to be provided to the night time economy and there had already been some violence at house parties and licensed premises. The Police were having to supply staff to football grounds after the return of full attendance. Operation Banger had been in planning for months however 10,000 officers were due to travel to Scotland over a 3-week period for COP26. Dispersal Zones had been implemented in Formby and more recently Southport Town Centre due to an increase in anti-social behaviour by young people.
- Operation Venetic was leading to more arrests in the north of the borough, punishing and removing negative role models from the street. More officers were being distributed to Southport to deter drug related offences.

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- A fifth Safer Schools Officer had been recruited, completing the compliment of Officers in this role. The Superintendent reiterated the desire for integrating Schools and listening to their feedback.
- The Officers recruited through Operation Uplift were nearing the end of their training, meaning more Officers in Merseyside.
- A Street Safe Campaign had been circulated focusing on violence against women and girls in the borough.

Kevin Sexton highlighted a number of reports he had received of anti-social behaviour around Crosby and outlined the importance of protecting children on the periphery of anti-social behaviour. Superintendent Graeme Robson stated that Sale Sharks, Everton Football Club and Liverpool Football Club were getting involved with offering young people more opportunities and asked for reports of anti-social behaviour to be reported directly to the police or through Crime Stoppers. Chris White discussed the importance of a joined-up approach and used the example of recent anti-social behaviour in Seaforth which was deterred by a multi-agency approach and reassured the local community. Ian Parry stated how vital divergence was in helping young people and praised previous work with school officers. Councillor Hardy asked for Crosby to be prioritised in regard to resources and for a broader report on youth services and youth engagement to be prepared for the next Partnership meeting.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the update be noted; and
- (2) a report be requested on Youth Services to be presented at a future meeting of the SSCP.

## **16. PREVENT VERBAL UPDATE**

Chris White gave a verbal update on PREVENT and outlined two current live cases; and the need to consider the complexity of people's lives that could lead them to make such decisions.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted.

## **17. INTEGRATED YOUTH SUPPORT REPORT**

The Partnership considered a briefing paper on progress and achievements of Integrated Youth Services since March 2021. The Chair requested a report outlining the wider update of the service review in the context of community safety, how the work of the partnership supported that and how the community safety voice fitted into bigger, parallel service reviews.

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RESOLVED: That

- (1) the briefing paper be noted; and
- (2) a report be requested from Locality Services to be presented at a future meeting of the Partnership.

## 18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Natalie Hendry-Torrance stated her intention to circulate NHS Rapid Read and raised that Water Safety was raised at the recent North West Regional NHS meeting. Chris White stated that Green Sefton were the custodians of the coast and countryside and would be the best point of contact regarding Water Safety.

Jennifer Currie discussed the planning of Operation Banger and how there would be a more tolerant approach, compared to last year, for Bonfire Night. Chris White stated the importance of using the Community Engagement Team and social media to convey messages to the public for Bonfire Night.

## 19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting be held **on 9 September, 2021 commencing at 10:00am**. Members of the Partnership would be asked for their preference regarding meeting virtually or physically closer to the time.

## **Sefton's Safer Communities Partnership (SSCP)**

### **Relationships with Other Boards – Youth Offending Team (YOT) Management Board, Sefton Safeguarding Children Partnership and Sefton Safeguarding Adults Board**

#### **1 Purpose**

- 1.1. At its meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (minute 17 refers), the Chair requested a report be brought to this meeting regarding how we connect in our strategic objectives to improve the services offered to the Sefton community through the Sefton's Safer Community Partnership, Sefton Safeguarding Children Partnership (formerly Local Safeguarding Children Board) and the Sefton Safeguarding Adults Board.

#### **2 Recommendations**

That

- (1) the Board notes the cross representation in place across the Safeguarding Children Partnership, Sefton's Safer Community Partnership Board and the YOT management board; and
- (2) the Executive Director for Adult Social Care and Health be requested to nominate a representative from the Sefton Safeguarding Adults Board to Sefton's Safer Community Partnership.

#### **3 YOT Management Board**

- 3.1 Sefton's Locality Service Manager with responsibility for the Youth Offending Team (YOT) is a member of the Sefton Safeguarding Forum and represents the YOT Management Board and Sefton's Youth Justice Services.
- 3.2 The YOT Management Boards annual Youth Justice Plan clearly articulates that safeguarding is central to the work of the YOT and this is reflected in YOTs policies.
- 3.3 The Service Manager is also a member of Sefton's Safer Communities Partnership and reports to the Sefton Safeguarding Forum on matters relating to safeguarding children from this board.
- 3.4 Recent reports considered as part of the Children's Services Improvement Board have highlighted joint working across YOT and Children's Social Care safeguarding team. This is well evidenced through various pieces of work and will continue to be evidenced through measured outcomes.

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## **4 Shared Outcomes**

- 4.1 The YOT Management Board recognises that many of the children entering the youth justice system experience risk and harm and are vulnerable as a consequence.
- 4.2 The contributions made by YOT support the principles of safeguarding children, preventing young people offending and protecting the community and are visibly woven into daily practice.

## **5 Sefton Safer Communities Partnership**

- 5.1 Sefton's Head of Communities also sits on Sefton's Safeguarding Children Forum. It is the responsibility of the Head of Communities to ensure that information flows between the SSCP and the Safeguarding Forum and vice-versa where planned delivery and outcomes are shared.

### **5.2 Plan Linkages**

- 5.3 The Head of Communities is responsible for developing the annual Sefton Safer Communities Partnership plan and safeguarding children is a key outcome. Although, not directly explicit, the issue of safeguarding children is prominent throughout the plan via tackling and reducing the impact of Domestic Abuse, Serious and Organised Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour and Hate Crime on children.

### **5.4 Shared Outcomes**

- 5.5 The Localities Service Manager with responsibility for Domestic Abuse will ensure that the Head of Communities is well briefed on Domestic Abuse issues to inform the Safeguarding Children Partnership where appropriate.

## **6.0 Sefton Safeguarding Adults Board**

- 6.1 There is currently no cross representation with regards to Safeguarding Adults Board and Sefton's Safer Community Partnership and it is recommended that this gap be resolved following the establishment of this Sefton specific Safeguarding Adults Board.

**Briefing to:** Sefton Community Safety Partnership  
**Briefing from:** Chris White Localities Team Manager  
**Date:** Dec 2021  
**Subject:** Youth Service  
**Prepared by:** Angela Robinson, Sue Logie - Sefton Youth Team

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## **1 Introduction**

The chair of the Community Safety Partnership requested at the September meeting a report be prepared on Sefton Council's Youth service and youth engagement mechanisms.

## **2 Sefton Council has a youth team of 2 full time workers (Senior worker and Youth Worker) and 12 part time workers (delivering outreach work post 5pm).**

The outreach teams cover five nights a week in the community across the Borough. The teams try to engage, and signpost young people seen in parks and other areas of the community to local activities or groups. The team will also respond to reports of groups of young people who have been identified as possibly causing Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). The advantage of the team working post 5pm is that they can build up a picture of what may be happening in that community. The team focuses on criminal exploitation, Gun and Knife crime and staying safe projects, staff give out leaflets and information to local businesses and fast-food outlets and offer advice and support to young people. When ASB is occurring the teamwork within these areas with intervention and prevention advice. All the intelligence gathered is shared with partners (police, fire service, ASB team and managers). Included in the post 5pm work is the deployment of the Youth Bus 4 nights per week focusing on hotspot youth ASB areas and areas that do not offer the traditional youth club setting. The youth bus is equipped with games consoles, computers, and other activities.

The Council Youth Service holds a license to deliver Duke of Edinburgh, and we have several schools and small organisations who also come under that license.

The Team run an LGBTQAI+ session which is a closed session and is referral based to allow it to keep as a safe space, especially as staff are aware not all

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young people can be who they are at home. The session is still just a youth session, it just has the added element of being a closed space for you people who are all similar.

The Youth team are an integral part of 'Operation Bangor'. They work with the commissioned youth providers and Active Sefton to put together and deliver a program of diversionary activities for the two-week period between Mischief Night and Bonfire Night.

As part of the youth offer across the borough the Council commissions providers to deliver sessions and activities. The organisations that we commission are:

- Bootle Youth and Community Centre
- Brunswick Youth Centre
- Litherland Youth and Community Centre
- Netherton Park Community Centre
- Parenting 2000 (Crosby and Southport)
- Sefton CVS (\*SYMBOL and Youth Voice)
- Sing Plus
- SPACE (MYA)
- St Leonards Youth and Community Centre
- Woodvale and Ainsdale Community Association
- YCP
- YKids

\*Sefton Youth Making opportunities with Leaders (SYMBOL) offers young people the chance to play an active role in their community, with a direct line of communication with leaders such as councillors and senior managers at Sefton Council. We encourage all of the commissioned groups to attend SYMBOL and also extend an invite to non-commissioned organisations and Schools.

Schools are the key to engaging with young people. The youth team will work closely with education settings and create programs that will educate young people in healthy relationships and safe activities.

There are two cases studies below, that demonstrate how the team try to adapt to the need of the borough and also support communities as best as we can to achieve the best outcomes for young people, even if sometimes we are out of our 'usual' remit of age range.

### 3. Case Studies:

#### 3.1 Summer Reading Project August 2021

Over the summer period, the Youth Service supported Cllr Atkinson and Aintree Community Centre along with Library Services in delivering a reading project. The project was aimed at primary school children who may have been identified as needing some extra support after missing so much school due to the pandemic. This project ran for a number of days through the week with the children taking part in different activities. The days we supported the project the children created their own story book, enjoyed story time with the Library Services and then free play. Youth Service staff supported all three activities, engaging with the children building relationships with them and encouraging them in the activities. In doing this, we started to see confidence building within the children. There was one young man, he was the only male as part of the group who was shy, by youth staff engaging him through play activities (dry beer pong) his confidence started to build and therefore enabled him to be confident in speaking and engaging with others.

The children were aged from around 3/4 - 10/11. This is not an age range we would predominately work with, however we wanted to support this project and offer the young people support.

Overall, we did see over the period of time we were there and engaged with the young people we seen them grow in confidence through 'play' by the end of the program at the Graduation, it was noted and spoken about by Cllr Atkinson the growth she had seen in the young people.

This was a good project to be a part of and it was great to see that our skills were still useful even with such a young age group.

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## 3.2 Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Criminal activity - Bowersdale Park - August 2021

We were asked to deploy into Bowersdale Park after there had been reports of ASB and Criminal activity in and around the park and shops.

Bowersdale Park is synonymous for OCG groups, the Youth Bus spent two nights per week for two weeks and there was very little or no engagement. Although there were young people and families in the park area enjoying the green space when disruptive young people arrived families would disperse. Our team noticed young people who appeared to be being 'groomed' into a gang, one young person did attempt to engage with staff and the youth bus, but was called back by the group.

The purpose of the youth bus deployment was to be a diversion/deterrent to displace the anti-social group from that area. Unfortunately, due to the level of tension and the threatening activity in the area towards staff it was impossible to engage with the young people.

What these two projects and the pandemic have identified is the outlook for youth work has changed significantly.

**Briefing to:** Sefton Community Safety Partnership  
**Briefing from:** Ros Stanley, Localities Service Manager (YOT)  
**Date:** Dec 2021  
**Subject:** Youth Anti-Social Behaviour  
**Prepared by:** Ros Stanley

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## **1 Introduction**

1.1 The purpose of this briefing document is to highlight YOT's:

- experiences of Youth anti-social behaviour (ASB)
- interventions they put in place to deal with Youth ASB
- barriers to achieving success.

## **2 Experiences of Youth ASB**

2.1 Youth offending often extends beyond ASB however is likely to be perceived as ASB due to the impacts on the local community. Offending occurs on a continuum with low level offending involving ASB within the community, with high level offending leading to the commission of serious crime.

## **3 Interventions**

3.1 YOT works with children up from 10 years to 18 years old through out of court and statutory disposals to prevent their continued offending. Primarily this activity addresses safeguarding and risk factors in the child's life, unmet need and additional factors that drives offending behaviour. All children are assessed and planned work is delivered to address identified factors with a focus on prevention, diversion and to support the child to achieve positive outcomes.

3.2 YOT diverts children away from the criminal justice system through out of court disposals, utilising Youth Cautions, Youth Conditional Cautions and Community Resolutions which are brief interventions with the offers of additional support to address any underlying issues. Where possible, YOT encourages access to diversionary activities such as the current Weapons Down Gloves Up programme and the previous Boys Group programme, however these are often external funding dependent. Other services such as Catch 22 and Challenge Me can offer support for children at risk of exploitation and discussions are underway with St Giles Trust to develop their offer. YOT ensures that children and their parents / carers are aware of the youth offer delivered by commissioned providers across the borough.

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YOT works in partnership with a wide range of agencies to tailor packages of support such as Venus to address emotional and mental health concerns and We Are With You for substance misuse support, just to name a few. Progress is monitored and further risks are assessed through Risk and Welfare Management Meetings.

## **4 Barriers**

- 4.1 Child exploitation and gang involvement are existing challenges within Sefton which can present barriers to engagement. Within the suite of interventions, work is delivered to educate and support young people to recognise when they are being exploited and support meaningful pathways to exit gang involvement. The partnership focuses upon emotional and mental health support, access to education, further training towards employment and engagement in activities which the young person is interested in, which are highly protective factors and can lead to successful outcomes.
- 4.2 Children attending the pupil referral unit 'Impact' are potentially at risk of exploitation, it was recently highlighted by a child that this was a source of gang recruitment. This has been escalated to Education Excellence and the senior leadership team at Impact. It should be noted that there are many changes within this setting currently, which Sefton's Senior Leaders are aware of.
- 4.3 Additional barriers include the availability of adequate resources across the partnership such as access to mental health support services. It is recognised that entrenched behaviour and dysfunctional family dynamics can create barriers of engagement in the context that help could have been offered at a much earlier point in the child's life. However, there is a current focus on strengthening the offer of support to parents and how YOT can secure integrated support from an emotional / mental health specialist via the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).
- 4.4 In November 2021, the Association for Directors of Children's Services (ADCS) produced a paper calling for reforms to the criminal justice system. They highlighted that YOTs are dealing with children who present a far greater level of complexity, that nationally more children are being managed on community orders rather than custodial sentences, yet Local Authorities and the Youth Justice Board have experienced significant austerity. Sefton YOT cohort aligns with the issues raised by the ADCS and it is acknowledged that they experience significant challenges. There is a barrier (nationally) in the range of specialist services available and existing capacity to support an increasingly vulnerable cohort of children.

## 5 **Summary**

- 5.1 It is recognised that youth offending is essentially anti-social behaviour and affects Sefton's communities. Through assessment and plans, YOT addresses the causes of offending behaviour and utilises the partnership to divert children away from the criminal justice system and prevent further offending, with the intention to support children to achieve positive outcomes as they head towards adulthood.

R. Stanley  
Dec 21

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**Report to:** Sefton Safer Communities Partnership

**Date of Meeting:** 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**Report of:** Superintendent Graeme Robson

**Organisation:** Merseyside Police

**Title:** Youth ASB

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## Introduction

The Covid-19 Pandemic has clearly had a significant impact on our young people, many of whom were growing up in an extremely challenging environment long before Covid. Our young people have been subject to significant disruption in schools, extended periods of lockdowns and other restrictions, reduced opportunities to socialise and develop skills and experiences in preparation for adulthood and in some cases, less contact with professionals from a range of agencies and sectors who are often the people who pick up on signs that something isn't right. The impact of the pandemic may not be fully understood for years to come, but it has influenced youth ASB both in the short term and with signs of longer term behavioural changes.

## Experiences of Youth ASB

- Lockdowns and travel restrictions are believed to have influenced large numbers of young people to travel to Sefton, or travel within Sefton, to coastal areas in particular. Whilst the majority behaved responsibly, it did lead to increases in ASB in such areas with gatherings for "raves", alcohol and drug use and some incidents of violent crime all present during the summer months and criminal damage / firework offences through the autumn / Halloween period
- Some of this behaviour was encouraged / influenced by some high profile social media figures who were arranging raves and gatherings at Formby beach in particular
- Despite many aspects of life returning to normal, young people are still travelling into Sefton to socialise and the feeling of officers on the ground is that it's higher than "normal" years and a legacy from 2020
- The Halloween period of 2020 was noticeably busier for the force than this year, with calls and crimes / incidents markedly reduced. 2020's "Operation Banger" period came straight after some extended lockdown periods which may have influenced the behaviour of some young people

## Interventions

- Our Safer Schools Officers were recruited in January 2021 and are embedded in secondary schools across Sefton. They are linked into operational police briefings and regularly work with young people and parents / schools to address issues around crime and ASB as well as taking part in diversionary activity (such as summer camps) and inputs to schools around different topics

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- We have continued the Police and Youth Encouragement Scheme (PAYES) which has run for a number of years and provides young people with opportunities to go on trips camping / walking with police officers
- We have continued to use Dispersal Powers to deal with areas affected by ASB. These are carefully used, authorised only where there is a strong case to justify and based upon data and intelligence that helps to define the boundaries. The officers are briefed around the approach that should be taken – proportionate use of the powers, diversion and engagement being the priority and enforcement as a last resort
- Sefton Council attend our weekly operational briefing so they are sighted on current crime and ASB trends so this can be fed into the council's youth services
- We deploy test-purchase tactics to tackle knife, firework and alcohol sales in partnership with the local authority
- We coordinate funding from the Proceeds of Crime Act, Home Office funding (Serious Violence, County Lines etc) and other sources to local youth providers

## **Barriers to Success**

- The lack of alternative activities for young people – not just a Sefton issue - young people were travelling in from all over Merseyside, with large numbers using the train network
- The high concentration of care homes within the Sefton area, particularly around Southport. This results in particularly vulnerable young people being placed into Southport – often far from home – mixing with young people with similar vulnerabilities. We have seen signs of quick integration with local at-risk young people and crime / ASB as a result – clearly none of this having a positive impact on the young people placed here
- Relationships between the police and young people have been tested during the pandemic as we enforced Covid restrictions, often in situations where there was no criminal or anti-social behaviour, but we had a responsibility to take action. This will take time to rebuild with some of our young people and adults

**Graeme Robson**  
**Superintendent**  
**Merseyside Police**

## **Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service (MFRS) - Youth Anti-Social Behaviour**

### **1. Experiences of Youth ASB**

- Secondary Fires
- Child Fire Setting
- Violence at work towards MFRS personnel

### **2. Interventions they put in place to deal with Youth ASB**

- Complete fly-tipping reports to MFRS Arson Team and refer on to the relevant authority
- Street Intervention Team target hotspot areas to proactively engage with young persons, to give advice / provide reassurance and to gather intelligence
- Community Risk Management Routes (CRM) - Fire Appliances complete these in identified hotspot areas
- Youth Engagement programs - Fire Cadets, Beacon Project, Life Programme and Princes Trust Courses
- Regular engagement with partners to share intelligence and highlight issues of concern
- Seasonal Campaigns - Operation Banger, Beach Safe (Sefton Coastline)
- Co-ordinate monthly Environmental Action Days with partners
- Conduct Safety Advice and Fire Education (SAFE) courses to Young Fire-setters
- Complete Potential Arson Target Scheme (PATS) referrals to MFRS Arson Team

### **3. Any barriers to achieving success**

- Covid-19 has been a big barrier in achieving success, in the fact that MFRS have had to work very differently since March 2020 particularly during the Bonfire period in both 2020 and 2021. One example being, Arson Officers were unable to enter schools to engage with students about the risks of fireworks/Bonfire night etc... this subsequently could have impacted on Youth ASB.
- Key partners have been impacted massively by the pandemic and a number of services have been put on hold. Some partners have also lost their funding resulting in loss of jobs, and although many partners have worked and continue to work from home, it does have an impact on communications and can on occasions, not be as effective as that face-to-face contact in resolving particular issues.
- MFRS volunteers have been put on hold since the start of Covid impacting on the work that they were involved with (campaigns in community, talks in schools/colleges).
- Street Intervention Teams (SIT) have also been impacted due to the numbers of staff going out in the team reducing from 3 per shift to 2 for Social Distancing can reduce the impact of the outreach team to engage with as many youths.

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## Safer Sefton Community Partnership Meeting

- **Our school experiences of Youth ASB**
  - Very little in school or on the buses
  - Evenings in Crosby/Formby: students travelling in from other areas
  - Mainly focused on Y9 (Crosby), Formby (Year 10)
  - Wing box (Crosby), Sweet Shop opposite Pioneer) Suspected dealing, Duke Street Park Formby 7 shops
  - Parks: Coronation Park (Y9), Y7/8 mainly litter Moorside Park (very low level) not evenings
  - Brownmoor shops – gatherings of large number of young people – drugs dealing suspected
  - Marina – drinking, drugs, fighting, video fights, SRE
  
- **Our School interventions they put in place to deal with Youth ASB**
  - PSCHE education programme
  - Amy Winehouse Foundation \_ drugs & alcohol
  - Missy Night & Firework assemblies
  - LFC Foundation work, EFC in the Community work
  - Stop Hate campaigns
  - Them & Us strategy
  - Working with community groups
  - Staff patrols on random occasions
  - Direct warnings – assemblies, parent meetings
  - Letters to parents
  - Detentions, bus bans, exclusions even for weekend behaviour
  - Liaison with Police
  
- **Any barriers to achieving success.**
  - Parental Involvement
  - Lack of community based response
  - Lack Youth Services in the area
  - Poor level of sanctions available apart from criminalisation

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## CVS Community Safety Partnership Report re ASB

### Experience of Youth ASB

Due to high levels of deprivation and high levels on ASB VCF projects have been able to access funding to deliver activities and support for Young People (YP).

### Interventions from VCF Youth Providers – A Snapshot from 10 Commissioned Services

#### Alchemy Youth Detached

- This is a project to prevent vulnerable Children and Young People (CYP) from engaging in criminal exploitation; such as County Lines with and underpinning focus on positive childhood experiences.
- They Identify CYP at risk by referrals from agencies such a children’s social care, The Police, Youth Workers and Parents. They ‘Meet young people *‘where they’re at’*, at locations identified by the police and other intelligence as being hotspots for crime.
- They arrange to meet the young person (ages 11-19) for ages 9-11 they have a weekly youth drop in session.
- They listen to the CYP and identify individual suitable responses / interventions that include Mentoring, Practical Interventions (e.g.CV writing, drug awareness, discussions on county lines). Making Connections with other services/agencies.

#### Litherland Youth and Community Centre (LYCC)

- A project to engage with YP aged 8 to 13 in a range of activities and conversations regarding the dangers of the operation banger period and gun and knife crime. Conversations take place in focus group style and are recorded and displayed in words and pictures in the centre. This prompts further discussions among YP.
- Staff encourage YP to talk about the dangers of the Oct/Nov period, ways to stay safe and any other issues/needs that may be highlighted in relation to the area during this period.
- Diversionary activities included: Inflatable Assault Course & Pizza Party, Inflatable Basket Ball Shootout and Inflatable Football.

#### Woodvale and Ainsdale Community Association (WACA)

- The project engages with YP offering activities and outreach youth work to deter YP from participating in ASB. Activities that have taken place include: Bowling, Walking, Cycling, Day Trips.
- They are working with The Police on a piece of work that share the dangers of carrying offensive weapons with YP.

#### Netherton Park

- Deliver ‘Youth View’ – targeting 11yrs +. The group enables YP to explore current concerns e.g. mental health & wellbeing, crime and ASB, sexual health and exploitation.
- The Over 10’s Youth Project. The group delivers a range of health and wellbeing activities for those struggling with mental health and education including: Outdoor Play/Sport activities and 121 Support.

### Barriers to Achieving Success

- Community Safety for staff and volunteers
- Sustainable funding
- COVID restrictions/changes in YP behaviour (staying indoors online)

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## Public Health Services and ASB

### *The We are With You Service*

- **Experience**

<https://www.wearewithyou.org.uk/services/sefton-for-young-people/> works with young people affected directly by alcohol and substance use, and also supports young people when someone close to them has an alcohol or drug problem.

The service helps young people for whom substance is their main ASB or triggers other ASB.

Also, should a disclosure be made around ASB the service would follow the necessary safeguarding escalation procedures.

- **Interventions**

We Are With You delivers interventions targeted at risk-taking behaviour, decision-making and consequences of actions.

If a disclosure is made around ASB the service follows the necessary safeguarding escalation procedures.

- **Barriers to achieving success**

Sometimes when a young person has been suspended/excluded because of ASB in/around school this disrupts delivery of planned 1-1 sessions with.

### **1-2-1 Programme**

- **Experience**

The 121 programme is delivered by Active Sefton and aims to improve the self-esteem and health and wellbeing of young people in Sefton (aged 11-19) who may benefit from more tailored support. The 121 Programme receives referrals from colleagues in Early Help, Social Services, Youth Offending Team and schools, as well as from families or carers of young people.

The programme has had a positive impact on young people's school attendance, attainment, and behaviour, both in and out of the school environment. Participants report increased wellbeing and motivation and feeling listened to and valued.

- **Interventions**

Development Officers mentor young people through the programme, using weekly physical activity or sports sessions as an opportunity to foster 1-2-1 dialogue about issues that may be affecting them (informed by Adverse Childhood Experiences training). The programme is tailored to each individual's needs and uses different activities and techniques to boost motivation and break down barriers. As confidence and wellbeing build young people are supported to transition to independent participation in activities. A comment from a teacher:

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*She has benefited a great deal from the active mentoring. She looks forward to it all week and says it is really helping her get things off her chest. We have seen a significant improvement in behaviour, openness, and trust. She is getting more positive behaviour points than negative points. We think this is mainly due to these sessions and being able to reflect on her behaviours. Her attendance has also improved and her willingness to discuss issues that are going to cause potential issues for her.*

- **Barriers to achieving success**

The main barrier to success in 1-2-1's work with young people involved in, or at risk of ASB is the capacity of the service. The service receives many requests for additional support for students whose mental wellbeing is having a major impact on their behaviour and achievements in all areas of life.

### ***Other Active Sefton programmes***

- **Experience**

Park Nights is commissioned by the Police Crime Commissioner and delivers floodlit diversionary activities in parks for children and young people at key times of the year, e.g. Operation Banger. The aim is to reduce ASB and to improve community safety and perception of safety.

- **Intervention**

A range of activities such as multi-sports, zorb football, street gold and inflatable games is on offer to children and families during evening sessions. Active Sefton works with other youth service providers in the planning and delivery of Park Nights to maximise engagement and benefit. Park Nights is promoted through organisational and public communications channels.

- **Barriers to achieving success**

Implementation of Park Nights at ASB hot-spot locations has shown that fun activities in familiar neighbourhood surroundings are an effective alternative to ASB. However, funding limits the delivery of this intervention to key points in the calendar rather than having a year-round presence.