

AGENDA

Safer Sefton Together

Wednesday 22nd June, 2022

9.30 am, Bootle Town Hall, Trinity Road, Bootle,

MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor: Trish Hardy, John Sayers, Simon Shaw, Helen, Armitage, Sharon Cotterill, Jenny Currie, Simon Burnett, Tracy Forshaw, Neil Frackelton, Martin Gay, Kevin Hollis, Sue Holden, Janette Maxwell, Superintendent Graeme Robson, Karen Rooney, Kevin Sexton, Tracie Trubshaw, Andrea watts and Chris White

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**

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- 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2022.

- 4. Domestic Homicide Review (DHRs) Update**

5. Prevent Local Partnerships Health Check

Steve Martlew

6. OFSTED Report on Links with Domestic Abuse

Risthardh Hare

7. Youth Justice Service Update

Ros Stanley

8. Community Safety Strategic Needs Assessment

Gemma Monaghan

9. Sefton Local Profile

Merseyside Police Intelligence Team to present

10. Community Safety Strategy Planning Workshop

In accordance with discussion at the last meeting (Minute No. 37 refers) it is intended for this meeting to be a Community safety strategy workshop with a facilitated discussion to develop a Strategy and Plan.

11. Any Other Business

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 8 September 2022, at the Town Hall, Bootle, commencing at 10.00 am.

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SAFER SEFTON TOGETHER

MEETING HELD AS A MICROSOFT TEAMS REMOTE MEETING ON 17 MARCH 2022

PRESENT: Councillor Hardy (in the Chair)

Helen Armitage, Simon Burnett, Martin Chambers, Sharron Cotterall, Tracy Forshaw, Neil Frackleton, Inspector James Gillett, Kevin Hollis, Adele Maddocks, Janette Maxwell, Tracy McKeating, Superintendent Graeme Robson, Andrea Watts, Jan Marlow, and Chief Inspector Tracy Trubshaw, Chris White and Jen Williams.

30. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor John Sayers, Mike Berry (MFRA), Tricia Davies (Head of Education) Sue Holden (Sefton CVS), Steve Martlew (Sefton MBC), Ben Ryder (MFRA), Kevin Sexton (Chesterfield High School) and Ros Stanley (Localities Service Manager – South).

31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

32. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

33. INTEGRATED OFFENDER MANAGEMENT (IOM) REFRESH STRATEGY

The Partnership received a presentation from Jen Williams and Inspector James Gillett (IOM Programme Managers – North West) giving an update on the refresh of the Neighbourhood Crime Integrated Offender Management (IOM) Strategy.

The IOM refresh strategy strongly encouraged police and probation leaders to build links with local authorities in order to ensure IOM was embedded into the local agenda, and links with relevant partners were facilitated at this level. Local governance should set the agenda for local IOM schemes – offering clear guidance on the processes and responsibilities for joint offender supervision between agencies.

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The Strategy focussed on:

- Reduction of 'Neighbourhood Crime' - concentrating on persistent acquisitive offenders
- Allocated Police and Probation Offender Managers
- Managed offenders to have enhanced access to services
- Governance arrangements
- Improved Service User Engagement

The Strategy identified seven pathways to reduce reoffending:

- Accommodation;
- Attitudes, thinking and behaviour;
- Family and Significant others;
- Substance Misuse;
- Education, Training and Employment;
- Finance, Benefits and Debt; and
- Mental and Physical Health and Wellbeing.

Arising from the discussion reference was made to established lines of communication in Sefton and the possibilities for co-commissioning.

RESOLVED: that

- (1) the information be noted and Jen Williams and Inspector James Gillett be thanked for their informative presentation; and
- (2) a further report be submitted to the September 2022 meeting giving an update on progress in Sefton.

34. PROVISION OF ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION SETTINGS

Further to discussions at the previous meeting held on 9 December 2021 (Minute No. 26 refers) Tracy McKeating presented a report giving details of alternative education provision for pupils within Sefton.

Sefton Council had a statutory duty to provide alternative provision where pupils had been permanently excluded, and for other pupils who because of illness or other reasons would not receive suitable education without such arrangements being made.

Alternative Provision in Sefton was delivered through:

- Complementary Education Service
- JIGSAW Primary Pupil Referral Unit
- IMPACT Secondary Pupil Referral Unit

Complementary Education Intervention involved Children unable to attend school settings due to health including mental health related needs.

There had been an increase in Children being placed in Alternative provision since September 2021 and there were currently 70 children receiving such provision.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) the Service Manager for Education Excellence to have a discussion with the Youth Justice Service around their cohorts education plans and sufficiency.

35. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE

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

Crime and ASB

- Continued reduction in burglary 'dwelling' offences (>20% down over the past 12 months)
- General crime trends were returning to pre-2020 levels across the board as the country moved out of Covid restrictions.
- Current crime trends of note.
- Monitoring and proposals regarding the expected increase in visitor numbers to the Sefton coast during spring/summer.
- Monitoring of some reported incidents of racist graffiti in Maghull and Lydiate.

Serious and Organised Crime

The picture around SOC in Sefton remained broadly positive compared to 2-3 years ago although there had been some concerning incidents in the early part of 2022 and he reported on actions which had been taken in this respect.

The Sefton MARSOC (Multi Agency Response to Serious and Organised Crime) had been re launched as the MARTHR (Multi Agency Response to Threat, Harm and Risk) on a monthly basis. The purpose of the name change was to reflect the broader remit of the group to pick up connected issues to SOC such as exploitation and County Lines. Any local partners who could contribute to the work of this group would be welcomed.

Participatory Budgeting

Funding for a local community project had been secured and discussions were ongoing on progress. Support from other SST partners in terms of funding, engagement and participation in the project was welcomed.

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RESOLVED That:

- (1) the update be noted.
- (2) Youth Diversion be agreed as a priority for the funding, along with geographic area delivery (South Sefton) based upon prevalence and need -- separate meeting before June with Partners needed.

36. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS - PARTNER REPORTS

Further to Minute No. 29 of the meeting held on 9 September 2021 it had been agreed that key 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 third of these had been selected as Violence against Women and Girls and the Partnership considered the following reports detailing how individual partner organisations were dealing with this issue:

Sefton Council and Domestic Abuse Multi Agency Partnership

Report of Janette Maxwell

Sefton CCG

Report of Tracy Forshaw.

Merseyside Police

Report of Superintendent Graeme Robson

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service

Report of Kevin Hollis

SWACA

Report of Neil Frackleton

Sefton Youth Justice Service

Report of Adele Maddocks

Sefton CVS

Report of Sue Holden

Schools Sexual Abuse Report- Chesterfield High School

Report of Kevin Sexton

Probation Service - Feedback From Merseyside Women's Team

Report of Jan Marlow

Arising from the discussion a number of issues were discussed which had arisen across a number of the reports.

Particular reference was made to comments raised by RASA in relation to input by Sefton and it was suggested that this needed to be investigated.

It was suggested that a statement on VAWG should be drawn up which members could consider and sign up to.

RESOLVED: That;

- (1) the reports be noted;
- (2) all organisations be thanked for the detailed and thorough reports provided;
- (3) Simon Burnett and Andrea Watts be requested to investigate the issues raised by RASA; and
- (4) A draft statement on VAWG be provided to the next meeting for consideration.

37. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was reported that Sefton Council at its meeting in January 2022 had approved a programme of meetings for the Partnership for 2022/2023.

RESOLVED that:

- (1) meetings of the Partnership be held on the following dates and times:

Thursday 9 June 2022 commencing at 10.00am;
Thursday 8 September 2022 commencing at 10.00am;
Thursday 8 December 2022 commencing at 10.00am; and
Thursday 16 March 2023 commencing at 10.00am.
- (2) the next meeting to be a Community safety strategy workshop-face to face if possible with a facilitated discussion to develop a Strategy and Plan; and
- (3) a formal action tracker to be produced and included with minutes.

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Briefing to: Sefton Community Safety Partnership
Briefing from: Simon Burnett, Head of Communities
Date: July 2022
Subject: Youth Justice Service Update
Prepared by: Ros Stanley

1 **Introduction**

- 1.1 The purpose of this briefing document is to highlight the performance and key issues for the Youth Justice Service

2 **Performance**

- 2.1 The Youth Justice National Performance Indicators are

- Reoffending – children who commit an offence across the period of 1 year are then tracked for a full year. This causes a time lapse due to the nature of tracking. This data is captured from the Police National Computer.
- First Time Entrants – those children who enter the statutory cohort for the first time
- Custody – those sentenced to a custodial sentence within the secure estate

2.2 **Sefton's Reoffending Rate**

Sefton's latest data relates to April 2018 to March 2019, in comparison to April 2019 to March 2020. Performance is good with a reduction of 8.1%. Compared to our YOT family, Sefton has the second highest reduction rate as shown in fig1.

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Figure 1 – Sefton’s Latest Reoffending Data

Proportion of offenders who reoffend (%)	Apr 2018 to Mar 2019	Apr 2019 to Mar 2020	Change
Lancashire	38.7	35.8	- 2.9
Swansea	42.3	34.9	- 7.4
Wirral	40.0	42.5	+ 2.5
Stockton-on-Tees	36.8	36.7	- 0.2
Nottinghamshire	33.7	31.8	- 1.9
Bridgend	58.2	54.0	- 4.2
Darlington	41.7	45.5	+ 3.8
Sefton	44.8	36.7	- 8.1
North Tyneside	41.4	32.0	- 9.4
Wigan	25.0	37.5	+ 12.5
Calderdale	35.5	39.4	+ 3.9

In the same time period, there was a reduction in the number of children in the annual cohort from 125 to 90, as shown in fig 2

Figure 2 – Cohort Numbers

Number of offenders in cohort	Apr 2018 to Mar 2019	Apr 2019 to Mar 2020	Change
Lancashire	421.0	282.0	- 139.0
Swansea	156.0	129.0	- 27.0
Wirral	115.0	113.0	- 2.0
Stockton-on-Tees	95.0	60.0	- 35.0
Nottinghamshire	288.0	176.0	- 112.0
Bridgend	165.0	150.0	- 15.0
Darlington	72.0	44.0	- 28.0
Sefton	125.0	90.0	- 35.0
North Tyneside	128.0	97.0	- 31.0
Wigan	80.0	56.0	- 24.0
Calderdale	107.0	109.0	+ 2.0

2.3 First Time Entrants (FTE)

Sefton continues to be proactive through prevention strategies, particularly with out of court disposals and the use of Community Resolutions. Fig 3 below shows the local tracking for past three years, with a reduction of 40% in the number of FTE’s in total in the years 2019/20 and 2020/21. The most recent dataset shows an increase of 9 over the period 2020/21 up to year end of 31/03/2022.

Figure 3 – FTE Local Tracking

First Time Entrants	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	All Quarters
FTEs 2019-20	8	14	16	13	51
FTEs 2020-21	7	8	9	6	30
FTEs 2021-22	13	12	7	7	39

The seven most recent offences committed during Q4 2021/22 consist of:

- **Four** offences of possess knife blade or sharply pointed article by 4 males, of which three were 16-year-olds and one 17-year-old.
- **Two** Assault a person thereby occasioning them actual bodily harm by two 15-year-old males.
- **One** Common assault by a 14-year-old male.

All seven FTEs main substantive outcome was a Referral Order. Six of the seven FTEs had an offence type of violence against the person.

2.4 **Custody**

Sefton's custody rate remains at zero. There were two cases heard at court within the last week in April and first week in May which could have resulted in custodial sentencing due to their serious nature. Youth Justice staff completed robust pre-sentence assessments and associated reports that supported the Judge's decision to award community sentences and prevent two vulnerable young people from entering custody.

3. **Current Cohort**

3.1 **Cohort Profile**

The headlines are:

- The percentage of young people living in areas of deprivation has increased. 42% of the cohort live in South Sefton.
- Possession of weapons has increased as an offence reason and features in the top 3 offences for the first time.
- 52% of the cohort are being supported by Children Social Care.
- 24% have been referred to Early Help in the last 12 months.
- The cohort shows an increase in high-risk safety & wellbeing & risk of re-offending.
- NEET figures have increased within the cohort and attendance figures are
- It is positive to see 7 of the young people are in employment
- Mental health needs across the cohort remain a concern

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4 **Changes to Key Performance Indicators (KPI's)**

4.1 The Youth Justice Board (YJB) have proposed changes and an increase in the data that Youth Justice Services submit. This is so the YJB achieves a deeper level of insight of the work undertaken, to encourage partners being held to account and to enable themes to emerge that may require escalation to the Ministry of Justice. The reporting against the new KPI's will commence in October 2022. The KPI's relate to the areas listed below.

- Suitable accommodation
- Suitability of ETE, school attendance, % of children with SEND and EHCP plus information on those receiving SEND / EHCP support
- Mental health need (diagnosed and undiagnosed) plus information on those that are being supported
- Out of court disposals including successful outcomes
- Management Board attendance
- Children accessing wider service involvement such as Early Help and Children Social Care
- Concordat of YJS recommendations at court and final court decisions
- Rates of serious youth violence
- Rates of racial disparity

Whilst some data sets are not easily linked and will require some manual cross matching, there should be no issues in providing this data from October.

5 **Youth Justice Service Funding Increase**

5.1 The YJB have announced that Youth Justice Services will receive an increase in funding, following a decision to invest £3million over the next three years in early intervention and prevention activities for children at risk of entering the criminal justice system. The actual figures have yet to be confirmed as is the case with guidance for how the funding can be spent. It is anticipated that core funding allocations will remain unchanged, and any uplift will be subject to conditions for new areas of intervention and prevention work.

6 **Legislative Changes – Policing, Crime, Sentencing and Court Act**

- 6.1 From 28th June 2022, new legislation provides greater flexibility for courts and strengthens community sentencing options, which further reduces the risk of children being sentenced to custody. This relates to increasing curfew periods for children sentenced to a Youth Rehabilitation Orders (YRO's). Also, YOTs will now be responsible for decision making for electronic monitoring system (tag) breaches. These changes will commence 28th June. A further measure will be introduced for Intensive YRO's relating to 'trail monitoring' also known as whereabouts monitoring, albeit it is not live time. This is being piloted and there is no expected date for implementation as yet.
- 6.2 Further changes relate to sentencing which increases the tariff for older children who commit an offence that receives a custodial sentence of 7years or more, but less than a life sentence. The closer a child is to 18yrs old, the longer the sentence is likely to be. Furthermore, automatic release dates from custody will change from halfway through the sentence to two thirds the way through. This means that when children are sentenced to custody, they will spend longer in the secure estate and the sentencing length will increase with age. This may give rise to challenge where children are chronologically a particular age but have a learning age of much younger.

7 **Recommendations**

- 7.1 There are no recommendations, however it is requested that the SST acknowledges the contents of this report.

Ros Stanley

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