

SAFER SEFTON TOGETHER

**MEETING HELD AT BOOTLE TOWN HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 22ND JUNE, 2022**

PRESENT: Councillor Hardy (in the Chair)

Simon Burnett, Risthardh Hare, Kevin Hollis,
Superintendent Graeme Robson, Rosanna Stanley,
Chief Inspector Tracy Trubshaw, Chris White and
Steven Martlew.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted from Nigel Bellamy, Neil Frackleton, Siobhan Grainger, Kevin Sexton, Janette Maxwell and Andrea Watts.

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 17 March 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

4. DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEW (DHRS) UPDATE

Members considered a report giving an update on the carrying out of Domestic Homicide Reviews.

It was reported that there were currently difficulties in attracting independent Chairs for the process and members discussed possibilities to attract and train chairs.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) that a further report be submitted to the next meeting regarding the recruitment of independent chairs for reviews.

Actions:

- (1) *Discuss at LCR SD VAG - risk to lack of chairs*

- (2) *Need to request further funds from partners for DHR's*
- (3) *Share process with MFRS in relation to Retirees from the service*
- (4) *Check what the cost is to take part in the training - could the SST fund this.*

5. PREVENT LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS HEALTH CHECK

Steve Martlew gave an update on PREVENT. He indicated the need to develop a risk assessment process and action plan and reported on proposals for a situational risk assessment tool to be developed. It was hoped to develop this by way of a Prevent sub-group. It was anticipated that this would meet quarterly in advance of SST meetings in order that progress could be reported at the subsequent SST meeting.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the update be noted;
- (2) arrangements be put in place to establish the Prevent sub-group prior to the next meeting of this Partnership.

6. OFSTED REPORT ON LINKS WITH DOMESTIC ABUSE

Risthardh Hare reported on work with perpetrators involving a 42 week programme by SWACCA. These courses were lengthy by nature and had an effect on the resources Social Work Team.

Reference was made to funding being made available by the Home Office for Children affected by Domestic Violence and Violence against Women and Girls and it was suggested that a Sefton Bid could be developed to apply for some of this funding.

It was also reported that following comments by OfSTED it was proposed to develop a new approach in relation to safeguarding children exploited. It was envisaged that a one-stop shop approach could be developed bearing in mind the number of agencies who could be involved.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) a Sefton Bid in respect of Children affected by Domestic Violence and Violence against Women and Girls be developed and a report on progress be submitted to the next meeting; and
- (3) a report be submitted to the next meeting on the progress on the new approach in relation to safeguarding children exploited.

7. YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE UPDATE

Ros Stanley presented a briefing paper on progress and achievements of Integrated Youth Services. The report set out details of performance against the following Youth Justice National Performance Indicators:

- 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; and
- Custody – those sentenced to a custodial sentence within the secure estate.

The report also set out details regarding:

- Changes to Key Performance Indicators (KPI's);
- Youth Justice Service Funding Increase; and
- Legislative Changes – Policing, Crime, Sentencing and Court Act.

Arising from the discussion reference was made to community events or “Walkabouts” which had previously taken place involving various agencies and local Ward Councillors and it was suggested these could be reinstated

RESOLVED: That the briefing paper be noted.

8. SEFTON LOCAL PROFILE

Superintendent Robson gave an update around the Sefton Local profile, and referred to the annual assessment of serious and organised crime. There had been a reduction in gun crime which was now low. He also referred to “Cuckooing” and the Police actions to prevent this in conjunction with Housing Associations, Exploitation and Care homes (where children and young people were moved into Sefton from neighbouring areas)

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

9. COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY - STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT

It had been intended to have a Community Safety Strategy Planning workshop at the meeting however, this did not take place due to low attendance and there was a need for everyone to have a say in how the strategy was developed. A draft Strategy, Executive Summary and spreadsheet had been produced which was discussed and it was suggested that the Draft Strategy report and excel spreadsheet be circulated to the partnership members for comment on the report and to populate the spreadsheet with the services they offered within the proposed strategy themes.

RESOLVED: that

- (1) the Strategy report and excel spreadsheet be circulated to the partnership members for comment on the report and to populate the spreadsheet with the services they offered within the proposed strategy themes;
- (2) Members be requested to submit any comments on the report and complete that spreadsheet by Friday 8 July 2022; and
- (3) Following receipt of comments, a Draft Strategy be submitted to the next meeting on 8 September 2022.

10. UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS

Superintendent Robson gave an update on the PCSC act and reported on the police response which would be proportionate.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

11. PROJECT ADDER

Superintendent Robson reported on Funding which had been allocated to Areas within Merseyside under project Adder but this had not included Sefton. There was a second wave of funding which required the submission of bids to upscale services and it was suggested that a co-ordinated bid could be considered possibly involving the local drugs partnership.

RESOLVED that the possible submission of a bid be further explored.

12. PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR THE SERIOUS VIOLENCE DUTY

Chris White reported that the public consultation of the draft statutory guidance on the Serious Violence Duty had gone live and open from 6 June 2022. It would be running for 6 weeks until 21 July 2022.

The Link to the consultation is:

[Serious Violence Duty - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/serious-violence-duty)

Members were encouraged to submit their views.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

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