

DUDLEY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Agenda Item no. 5(a)

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| DATE | Thursday 22nd March, 2018 |
| TITLE OF REPORT | Safe & Sound (Dudley's Community Safety Partnership) – Overview and Considerations Going Forward |
| Organisation and Author | West Midlands Police Chief Superintendent Richard Fisher (Chair of Safe & Sound (Dudley's Community Safety Partnership)) Dudley MBC Sue Haywood - Head of Community Safety |
| Big ticket issues | <p>The "big ticket issues" for Safe & Sound (Dudley's Community Safety Partnership) can be summarised through the Partnership's priorities. Priorities are identified through Dudley Borough's Strategic Assessment and consultations. Priorities for 2017/18 are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing Reoffending and Reducing Repeat Victimisation • Community Cohesion (including Prevent and Hate Crime) • Substance Misuse • Mental Health • Domestic Violence and Abuse • Reducing Violent Crime • Road Traffic and Transport • Anti-Social Behaviour <p>The Community Safety Partnership is also considering issues in respect of cybercrime, on-line safety and business crime. The Community Safety Partnership has been asked to lead on modern slavery on behalf of the strategic partnerships within the Borough.</p> <p>The Report produced for the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board Meeting in January 2018 details the Community Safety Partnership's activity and challenges.</p> |
| Success/achievements | <p>Whilst Dudley has experienced an increase in total recorded crime, Dudley remains the safest Borough within the West Midlands Police Force area having the lowest crime rate per 1,000 population and is ranked 2nd best performing Community Safety Partnership in its Most Similar Family Group (2nd out of 15)</p> <p>Through the work of the Rogue Landlord Operational Group a range of powers are being used in order to "protect" individuals, families and communities. The prosecution of Mr. Latiff Rehman and other outcomes are detailed in the report attached.</p> <p>Through the work of Safer Estates effective support has been put in place for those creating demand for service in respect of Anti-</p> |

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| | <p>Social Behaviour in order to address underlying issues and reduce demand for service as well as the impact of ASB on individuals families and communities.</p> <p>Other achievements are demonstrated through feedback from those who have used services that are funded through Dudley's allocation of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Community Safety Fund, for example feedback from victims/survivors of domestic violence and abuse and those experiencing the long term impact of Anti-Social Behaviour</p> |
| Emerging trends | <p>At the end of quarter 3 – 2017/18 Dudley had seen an increase in all crime types. This is in the context of reduced partnership capacity particularly in respect of diversionary activity. Resources will be targeted to reduce the crimes that have the most significant impact on individuals, families and communities and protect the most vulnerable from harm</p> |
| Key asks of the Board/wider system | <p>Safe & Sound (Dudley's Community Safety Partnership) asks the wider system to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider how as a system we can work with individuals, families and communities to understand "where" resources will be targeted and why. • Consider how as a system we can "harness" an active citizen approach to the delivery of community safety outcomes. For example how can communities contribute to mitigating against the "broken window syndrome" to reduce the likelihood of an escalation in crime, substance misuse and Anti-Social Behaviour? • Consider how the system can contribute to early intervention and prevention (up stream work) |

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Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 17th January 2018

Report of the Strategic Director for Place

Overview of the work of safe & sound (Dudley's Community Safety Partnership)

Purpose

1. To provide the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board with an overview of the work of safe & sound (Dudley's Community Safety Partnership).

Recommendations

2. It is recommended that:-
 - The Board notes the contents of this report
 - The Board gives consideration to any particular area of the work of safe & sound (Dudley's Community Safety Partnership) that it would wish to scrutinise in more detail in future

Background

3. Safe & Sound (Dudley's Community Safety Partnership) is Dudley's statutory Community Safety Partnership as required in statute by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, its subsequent amendments and other subsequent legislation.

The Partnership is made up of Responsible Authorities who are statutorily required to work in partnership in respect of the Community Safety "agenda"

The Responsible Authorities are:-

- Dudley MBC
- West Midlands Police
- West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service
- National Probation Service
- Community Rehabilitation Company (Private Probation)
- Clinical Commissioning Group

Elected Member, Partners from the Community and Voluntary Sector are also part of the Community Safety Partnership.

There is a duty to cooperate with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Community Safety Partnership's statutory requirements include:-

- To do all it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder including anti-social behaviour
- Reduce re-offending

- Prevent behaviour adversely affecting the environment
- Prevent the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area
- Take responsibility for Domestic Homicide Review process
- Produce an annual Strategic Assessment
- Locally the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner requires a Police and Crime Board in each Local Authority Area and a Police and Crime Plan as part of the Grant Conditions (Schedule 9 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides the powers for this)

Safe & Sound (Dudley's Community Safety Partnership) – Priorities

4. Priorities are identified through Dudley Borough's Strategic Assessment and consultations. Priorities for 2017/18 are:-
- Reducing Reoffending and Reducing Repeat Victimisation
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 - Substance Misuse
 - Mental Health
 - Domestic Violence and Abuse
 - Reducing Violent Crime
 - Road Traffic and Transport
 - Anti-Social Behaviour

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Governance

5. The work of the Community Safety Partnership is directed by the safe & sound (Dudley's Community Safety Partnership) Strategic Board. The Board is chaired by Chief Superintendent Richard Fisher. In order to rationalise meetings, Dudley's Police and Crime Board has been incorporated into the Strategic Board. The work of safe & sound (Dudley's Community Safety Partnership) is carried out by a number of sub-groups that relate to the Board's priorities. (See appendix 1)

The work of safe & sound (Dudley's Community Safety Partnership) is part of the Health and Wellbeing "system" to ensure a coordinated approach to the work of Boards and Alliances across the Borough (see appendix 2)

Reducing Reoffending Steering Group

6. This sub-group is chaired by Jas Pejatta, Black Country Head of the Community Rehabilitation Company

The work of this sub-group has focussed on ensuring a robust approach to integrated offender management through the One Day One Conversation approach. (Multi-agency case management of offenders). In order to maximise good outcomes in respect of reducing reoffending partners co-locate on two days per week at Hope House, Castlegate. Pathways to reducing reoffending are in place.

The Reducing Reoffending Steering Group has been challenged by the lack of up to date performance information (as do all such groups at the moment). This is due to the “Transforming Rehabilitation” agenda which saw the Probation Service being divided into two organisations – Community Rehabilitation Company (“Private” Probation) and National Probation Service. Performance information should now be available in the new year.

Work is underway on the development of a Black Country Reducing Reoffending Strategy.

Dudley Domestic Abuse Strategic Group (Incorporating MARAC Steering Group)

7. This sub-group is chaired by Superintendent Lee Kendrick. The Group has representatives from key agencies in order to coordinate work and the delivery of services to victims and perpetrators of domestic violence and abuse. The Group is now overseeing work in respect of Honour Based Abuse, Forced Marriage and Sexual Violence.

One of the main tasks of the Group is to monitor and oversee the work of the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC). Through the MARAC victims of domestic violence and abuse are supported and victimisation reduced.

There have been improvements in the MARAC process.

A snapshot of data was compiled for October’s Meeting using MARAC data collected from October 2016 to September 2017, inclusive. This data range will give an insight over the last rolling year.

- Data for this period shows that Dudley MARAC managed 398 cases, with 89 (22%) of those being *repeat* referrals. This is slightly higher than the previous year.
- Data for the same period in the previous year shows that 329 cases were managed, with 80 (20%) of those being repeat referrals.
- Year to date data – 1st April, 2017 to 30th September 2017 indicates that 1236 Domestic Abuse crimes have been recorded by West Midlands Police. This compares to 1061 for the same period in 2016/17, therefore an increase of 175 recorded crimes.

An increase in recorded crimes is not viewed negatively as a number of campaigns have taken place to increase awareness in respect of domestic violence and abuse and to encourage reporting.

Community Cohesion Strategic Group

8. The Community Cohesion Strategic Group is chaired by Alan Lunt and meets quarterly. The Group has been focussing on 3 areas of business:-
 - Tension Monitoring
 - Prevent – including an overview of the Channel Panel
 - Hate Crime

Going forward, the Community Cohesion Strategic Group will also be overseeing work in respect of Modern Slavery and Gang and Knife Crime Reduction.

Overall community tensions are currently assessed as low. If there are any concerns around community cohesion then work with Partners is undertaken to address these

In respect of Hate Crime year to date information indicates that there were 133 crimes recorded in 2016/17 and year to date in 2017/18 155. An increase of 22 recorded crimes.

However, information in respect of quarter 2 2016/17 indicates that 73 crimes were recorded and 69 in quarter 2 - 2017/18. So a small decrease in quarter 2 in recorded crimes – 2017/18.

Rogue Landlord Operational Group

9. This Group meets bi-monthly and is chaired by Sue Haywood, Head of Community Safety.

The role of the group is to provide a multi agency approach for tackling rogue landlords. A rogue landlord may be regarded as “a landlord who knowingly flouts their obligations by renting out unsafe and substandard accommodation to tenants many of whom may be vulnerable”. The Group does focus on wider issues to.

A number of enforcement powers have been used including:-

- Interim Management Order
- Closure Order
- Prohibition Notices

Recently there has been the prosecution of Mr Latif Rehman, he was ordered to pay **£287,028.34** in the form of compensation via confiscation under the Proceeds of Crime Act. This was as a consequence of obtaining housing benefit unlawfully and due to the lack of planning consent for the flats which were rented. Mr Rehman was also fined a total of **£40,000** for the offence of failing to comply with planning enforcement notices at properties in Cole Street, Northfield Road and Wolverhampton Street, Dudley. In addition he was ordered to repay the full costs of the Council’s action to the amount of **£25,898.34**.

The Group will be looking at how powers under the Housing and Planning Act 2016 which are expected to come into “force” on 1st April 2018 that can be used to further the work of the Group.

Safer Estates

10. This Group is chaired by Inspectors Andy Pugh and Ray James and meets monthly.

The work of the Group focuses on calls for service around Anti-Social Behaviour particularly where there are concerns in respect of public safety and welfare.

An analytical product is used to inform discussions and actions at the Safer Estates Meetings. It is circulated a week prior to the meeting so a problem solving approach can be taken within the meeting.

Where there has been significant demand for service in respect of locations and people discussed at Safer Estates, substance misuse, mental ill-health and dementia have been a “feature” of cases. There has been effective support for this cohort through expedited access to services, in particular substance misuse.

Calls for Service (ASB and Public Safety and Welfare) Have increased from 17,344 Year to date 2016/17 to 18,603 year to date 2017/18 an increase of 1,259 calls for service. Quarter 2 data indicates an increase from 9,020 calls for service in quarter 2 2016/17 to 9,344 in 2017/18. An increase of 324 calls for service.

Violence Reduction Group

11. This Group was set up during February, 2017 in response to an increase of violent crime within the Borough.

The overall objective of the Group is “Working together in partnership to prevent and reduce violent crime to ensure that Dudley is a safe place to live, work and visit”

To date scoping work has taken place to ascertain what “interventions” and services are in place within the Borough to address issues arising from violence and violent crime. From the scoping work an action plan has been drawn up in order to take the work of the Group forward. Meetings have been taking place monthly until December, 2017 and will be bi-monthly from January 2018.

An initial assessment shows that there is a gap in respect of early intervention and prevention work. Work is underway to address this gap where possible.

A Gang and Knife Crime Prevention Group has been set up and an action plan is being developed for this group.

Consideration has been given to the development of a Violence Reduction Strategy and it is proposed that the World Health Organisation/Public Health approach is taken in developing this. Further work needs to be done on this.

Recorded crime in respect of public place violence has increased from 1,294 Year to date 2016/17 to 1,404 year to date 2017/18 an increase of 110 recorded crimes. Quarter 2 data indicates a decrease from 667 recorded crimes in 2016/17 to 662 in 2017/18. A decrease of 5 recorded crimes.

Substance Misuse Alliance

12. The Substance Misuse Alliance is chaired by colleagues from DMBC Public Health. The Substance Misuse Alliance is a newly formed Group. There is an action plan in place to deliver on five outcomes.

Outcomes :-

- People choose not to misuse drugs and or alcohol
- More people recover from drug and alcohol misuse
- Fewer children, young people and families are affected by drug and alcohol misuse

- Fewer people experience crime and disorder related to drug and alcohol misuse
- Drug and alcohol related deaths are investigated to identify lessons learned and drug alerts disseminated to help avoid the risk of overdoses or serious adverse reaction.

There is good service provision in place within the Borough for those that misuse drugs and alcohol. Services are performing above targets set for them.

Performance

13. There has been an increase in Total Recorded Crime from 9,096 year to date in 2016/17 to 10,545 year to date in 2017/18, an increase of 1,449 recorded crimes. Quarter 2 data indicates that there is been an increase in recorded crime for quarter 2 from 4,823 to 5,231 in 2017/18 and increase of 408 recorded crimes.

Dudley, however, remains top of the West Midlands Police Force area having the lowest crime rate per 1,000 population.

Looking ahead - West Midlands Wide CSP

14. Following a period of consultation the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner is establishing a West Midlands Community Safety Partnership. This Partnership will have a Board and will not replace local Community Safety Partnerships.

The Board will meet in shadow form from January 2018 and develop a work plan. The Board will be an advisory body to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

There will be no allocations of funding to local Community Safety Partnerships going forward. However, 2018/19 is being viewed as a transitional year and the indication to date is that the majority of projects funded through the Community Safety Fund in 2017/18 will continue to be funded in 2018/19.

From 2019/20 there will be a centralised commissioning arrangement.

There will be some risks and benefits to this new arrangement.

Finance

15. A grant is made available from the Police and Crime Commissioner to support the work of the Community Safety Partnership. The Community Safety Grant is used to fund projects in line with the Community Safety Partnership's Priorities as well as those outlined in the Police and Crime Commissioners West Midlands Police and Crime Plan.

The value of the current Grant is £267,857

16. There are no additional funding implications arising from this Report

Law

17. Safe & sound (Dudley's Community Safety Partnership) has to meet the requirements set out by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and its subsequent amendments.

Other legislation that applies to safe & sound (Dudley's Community Safety Partnership) includes:-

- Police and Justice Act 2006
- Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011
- Health and Social Care Act 2012
- Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015

Equality Impact

18. There are no equality impact implications arising directly from this report.
19. However, there are differential impacts of crime, disorder substance misuse and anti-social behaviour on individuals, families and communities and this needs to be borne in mind in respect of partnership planning and commissioning of work
20. Communities, including young people are consulted in order to inform safe & sound (Dudley's Community Safety Partnership's) priority setting.

The Board has two Youth Police and Crime Commissioners as part of its membership. The Youth Police and Crime Commissioners are elected via Dudley Youth Council and receive support in respect of their work through DMBC Childrens Services – Family Solutions and the Police and Crime Commissioners Office.

Human Resources/Transformation

21. There are implications for both human resources and transformation related to funding arrangements and also around organisational change related to the Community Safety Partnership.



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Appendix 1 (Appendix 2 not attached)

