

AGENDA ITEM NO.9

DUDLEY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

DATE – 21st March, 2019

REPORT OF: Head of Community Safety - DMBC on behalf of safe & sound (Dudley's Community Safety Partnership)

TITLE OF REPORT – Community Safety Priorities

HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY PRIORITY

1. Safe & Sound (Dudley's Community Safety Partnership) is part of Dudley's Health and Wellbeing System. Good Community Safety outcomes help to underpin the health and wellbeing of the Borough. Through the sub-groups of safe & sound we seek to contribute to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

2. To inform the Board members of Safe & Sound (Dudley's Community Safety Partnership) priorities.

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 related legislation.

The Partnership is made up of Responsible Authorities who have statutory obligations in their own right and are also 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 Members and 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.

4. **Key Points**

Community Safety Partnership Priorities

4.1 Safe & Sound (Dudley's Community Safety Partnership) priorities are identified through Dudley's Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment. This is

produced in accordance with Home Office Good Practice Guidance and the Police and Justice Act 2006. The Strategic Assessment includes priorities identified by communities through consultation. Partners are encouraged to use the Strategic Assessment to inform their “business”.

4.2 Following the receipt of Dudley’s draft Strategic Assessment at the Safe & Sound (Dudley’s Community Safety Partnership) Board Meeting in January 2018 and in discussion with partners’ priorities for Dudley for 2018/19 were identified as follows:-

- Reducing Reoffending and Reducing Repeat Victimisation
- Community Cohesion (includes Prevent and Hate Crime)
- Reducing Vulnerability – (including Substance Misuse, Mental Health, Modern Slavery and exploitation)
- Domestic Violence and Abuse (including Violence Against Women and Girls Agenda)
- Reducing Violent Crime
- Road Traffic and Transport
- Anti-Social Behaviour

4.3 Following receipt of Safe & Sound’s draft Strategic Assessment for 2019/20 priorities for 2019/20 will be discussed and agreed at the Safe & Sound Strategic Board Meeting on 29th April 2019. From strategic analysis priorities identified to date include:-

- Violent Crime
- Organised Car Crime
- Burglaries
- Reducing Reoffending
- Reducing Victimisation
- Reducing Vulnerability

Priorities identified through public surveys include:-

- Violent Crime
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Burglary
- Drug Misuse
- Mental Ill Health
- Theft

4.4 Safe & Sound also considers issues in respect of online safety and business crime. The majority of the priorities are taken forward through sub-groups of Safe & Sound (Dudley’s Community Safety Partnership) and link in with the priorities of Dudley’s Health and Wellbeing Board, Dudley’s Safeguarding Adults Board, Dudley’s Safeguarding Childrens Board and Dudley’s Youth Offending Service Management Board. (Sub-Groups – please see Appendix A)

4.5 There are also formal links to work that takes place at a regional level for example with the Police and Crime Commissioner’s Office, the West Midlands Wide Community Safety Partnership, Modern Slavery Board, Preventing

Violence against Vulnerable People Programme and the West Midlands Reducing Reoffending Steering Group.

- 4.6 A quarterly performance report produced by West Midlands Police – Partnership Intelligence Liaison Team informs Safe & Sound Strategic Board of progress against priorities as well any emerging trends in respect of crime and disorder. Sub-Group chairs report via an “exceptions” template to Safe & Sound Board, the template includes reporting on work that contributes to the Health and Wellbeing priorities for the Borough.

5. **FINANCE**

There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report. A Community Safety Fund Grant is received from the Police and Crime Commissioner. 2018/19's grant is £253,924 in addition a grant of £42,223 goes directly to the Youth Offending Service. These grants fund “projects” relating to Dudley's Community Safety Partnership priorities.

There will be changes to how the Police and Crime Commissioner allocates funds in 2019/20 and commissions services.

6. **LAW**

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

7. **EQUALITY IMPACT**

There are no equality impact implications arising directly from this report.

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 working, and the planning and commissioning of work and services.

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.

8 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that:-

- Board Members note Safe & Sound (Dudley's Community Safety Partnership) priorities
- Board Members give consideration as to how the Health and Wellbeing Board can support these priorities
- Board Members give consideration as to how as a "system" we can work together to prevent and reduce violent crime and the drivers of violent crime.



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