



LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

Thursday, 18 June 2015 at 2.00 pm

Guthlaxton Committee Room, County Hall, Glenfield

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Appointment of Chairman.
3. Election of Deputy Chairman.
4. Minutes of previous meeting (Pages 3 - 8)
5. Matters arising
6. Declarations of interest
7. Strategic Partnership Board Update
Paper to follow.
8. Election of Strategic Partnership Board representative.
9. Prevent Update. (Pages 9 - 12)
10. Victim First.
Presentation from Chief Inspector Paul McKinder (seconded to Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner).
11. Safer Communities Performance - Quarter 4. (Pages 13 - 18)
12. Community Safety Agreement 2015/16 (Pages 19 - 24)
13. Domestic Abuse Update. (Pages 25 - 28)
14. Domestic Abuse - Domestic Homicide Reviews (Pages 29 - 30)
15. Other business
16. Date of the next meeting

17 September 2015



Minutes of a meeting of the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board held at County Hall, Glenfield on Thursday, 19 March 2015.

Mr. J.T. Orson JP, CC – in the Chair

Bob Bearne	Community Rehabilitation Company for Derby, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, and Rutland.
Cllr. Jenny Bokor	District Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Representative – Charnwood Borough Council
Cllr. Stephen Corrall	Combined Fire Authority
Cllr. Malise Graham	District Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Representative - Melton Borough Council
Cllr. A. V. Greenwood MBE	District Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Representative - Blaby District Council
Cllr. William Liquorish	District Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Representative - Harborough District Council
Cllr. Kevin J. Loydall	District Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Representative - Oadby and Wigston Borough Council
Jane Moore	Head of Supporting Leicestershire Families and Safer Communities
Julian Mallinson	Chairman of the Substance Misuse Board
Cllr. Trevor Pendleton	District Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Representative - N. W. Leicestershire District Council
Spt. Adam Streets	Leicestershire Police

Officers

Bill Cullen	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
James Fox	Leicestershire County Council
Ann Marie Hawkins	Harborough District Council
David Lingard	Oadby and Wigston Borough Council
John Richardson	North West Leicestershire District Council
Gurjit Samra-Rai	Leicestershire County Council
Jane Toman	Blaby District Council
Chris Traill	Charnwood Borough Council

Also in attendance

Sir Clive Loader	Police and Crime Commissioner
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Trevor Peel	Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service
Mina Bhavsar	Hosted Safeguarding Team on behalf of 3 CCGs

Apologies for absence

Cllr. David Bill MBE	Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Chair - Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
Mike Sandys	Chair of the Substance Misuse Board

14. Introductions

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, and everyone present introduced themselves.

15. Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 September 2014.

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2014 were taken as read and confirmed as a correct record, subject to the first sentence of Minute. 69 being amended to read as follows:

“Sir Clive thanked all the CSP Chairs for their time and contributions. He introduced the report, explaining that the Public Affairs Select Committee had concluded that numerical targets encouraged bad recording, although he would dispute that this was in fact the case of Leicestershire.”

16. Minutes of meeting held on 28 January 2015.

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2015 were taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

17. Matters arising

Minutes of 25 September 2014

67. Anti Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 Update

Gurjit Samra-Rai informed the Board that, whilst the ASB Case Management Task and Finish Group had touched upon Sentinel in their work, a full review of Sentinel would take place in the coming months.

Minutes of 28 January 2015

82. Domestic Abuse Partnership Update

James Fox informed the Board that the first joint meeting of the City and County Domestic Violence Delivery Groups had taken place and positive benefits of the joint approach had been reported.

James also stated that for the remainder of 2015 and beyond there would be less funding. The reduction was still to be confirmed however it was thought that it would be in the order of £75,000 less.

84. The Response to Child Sexual Exploitation in Leicestershire

On Monday 23 March 2015 the Police and Crime Commissioner would be making an announcement on his response to the issue of Child Sexual Exploitation in Leicestershire following a review of cases conducted in the last 20 years.

87. "Working Together" Presentation

Cllr Greenwood stated that he felt that this had been an excellent presentation and recommended it to all partners.

18. Declarations of interest

The Chairman invited members who wished to do so to declare any interests in respect of items on the agenda for the meeting.

It was noted that all members who were also members of a District or Borough (or Parish or Town) Councils would have personal interests in issues which related to areas covered by those authorities.

19. Change to the order of business.

The Chairman sought and obtained the consent of the Board to vary the order of business from that set out in the agenda for the meeting.

20. Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy Group - Update.

The Board considered a report from Gurjit Samra-Rai providing an update on progress regarding the work of the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy Group. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 7' is filed with these minutes.

It was noted that a review of Sentinel would take place and workshops were being held in May 2015 to establish what kind of database was required and whether Sentinel could be adapted to fulfil this purpose. Members of the Board hoped that Sentinel could evolve to suit current needs rather than be discontinued. Once the review had been completed, proposals for the way forward would be brought to the Board however there were no timescales for this yet.

With regard to the halting of the ICSB (inter-agency community safety bureau), members stressed the importance of statistical analysis and the need for outcomes. It was requested that an update on progress on a resolution to this issue be brought to the Board.

It was confirmed that the ASB Strategy Group had links to safeguarding Boards.

AGREED:

- (a) That the work of the ASB Strategy Group be noted;
- (b) That a further report be submitted to the Board on the outcomes of the workshops;

- (c) That the recommendations of the ASB Task and Finish Group and the work going forward be noted.
- (d) That the Board supported Prevent and Hate being included within the work of the Strategy Group.

21. Safer Communities Performance - Quarter 3.

The Board considered a report from James Fox, updating the Board regarding Safer Communities' performance for Quarter 3. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 6' is filed with these minutes.

With regard to paragraph 13 of the report it was noted that reoffending rates for young people receiving First-tier penalties were higher when the offenders were not supported by the Youth Offending Service (YOS). The Board noted that it was proposed that some joint working would take place with the Courts to ensure that young offenders were signposted to the YOS in order to reduce the likelihood of them reoffending.

The amount of support for troubled families had increased and it was hoped that this would result in a decrease in crime figures relating to those families.

Clarification was given regarding the figures in the Appendix to the report entitled Safer Communities Performance Dashboard 2014/15 Q3. The figure for Rate of re-offending by young offenders for 2013/14 was 1.04 which related to the whole year. The latest data for the Rate of re-offending by young offenders was 0.79 and this figure related to half a year.

AGREED:

- (a) That the 2014/15 Quarter 3 performance information be noted;
- (b) That the Board continues to monitor performance trends.

22. Strategic Partnership Board - Update.

The Board received an oral update from Jane Moore regarding the Strategic Partnership Board (SPB). A meeting of the SPB had taken place on 11 February 2015 at which discussions had taken place regarding clarifying and redefining the role of the Board. As a result new Terms of Reference had been drafted. A map had been drawn showing how the SPB linked in with other groups.

The Police and Crime Commissioner had announced that £2 million of funding would be ring-fenced towards tackling crimes such as Child Sexual Exploitation, online grooming, and cyber bullying.

As a result of Councillor David Snarrt stepping down from the SPB a new District representative was required. It was felt that it would be appropriate to make this appointment following the May district council elections.

NOTED:

The update on the work of the Strategic Partnership Board.

23. Leicestershire Neighbourhood Watch.

The Board received a presentation from Eric Tindall regarding the work of Leicestershire Neighbourhood Watch. Eric Tindall informed the Board that in October 2014 he had been elected as Chairman of the Leicestershire Neighbourhood Watch Association and he was in the process of recruiting additional personnel at all levels of the organisation. In particular he was looking for co-ordinators for groups of streets, and people on Parish and Town Councils to link in with local Neighbourhood Watch teams. There was also a need to recruit people to help Neighbourhood Watch with social media work.

Eric Tindall informed the Board that Neighbourhood Watch signs could be purchased in bulk for a reduced cost of £17 each and advised anybody interested in purchasing signs to go through The North Area Partnership Manager, Chris Woodward. His contact details were:

Phone: 0116 222 2222 ext 2542

Eric Tindall advised the Board that the Leicestershire Neighbourhood Watch Association were looking into the following initiatives:

- Signs which informed that 'cold-calling' was not welcome in particular streets/areas.
- Stickers for Council vehicles endorsing support for the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.
- Using literature which contained ethnic minority languages.
- Working with Loughborough College to get students involved in Neighbourhood Watch and help deliver information.
- Using Neighbourhood Watch personnel to raise awareness of environmental issues such as flood alerts.

Eric Tindall informed the Board that there was a shortage of money for items such as paper and stationary, and also travel costs. However, all he asked from Councils was the use of rooms for meetings.

It was suggested that Neighbourhood Watch schemes could play a role in making referrals to Safeguarding teams and it was agreed that Eric Tindall would look into this further.

Members were of the view that Neighbourhood Watch should be careful about heightening fear of crime amongst communities and should instead highlight positive news and play a role in promoting public confidence. Eric Tindall agreed that the community work of the police should receive more publicity and Neighbourhood Watch could spread the message.

Some members expressed an interest in receiving this presentation from Eric at Community Safety Partnership meetings. It was suggested that anyone wishing to have Eric present at their meeting contact him via email at: nhw_leics@btinternet.com

24. Force Change Programme - Update

The Board received an oral update from Superintendent Adam Streets regarding the Force Change Programme. Superintendent Streets stated that the new policing model went live on 9 February 2015 and the early signs were that it was working well. He informed the Board of the following:

- Early data modelling suggested that under the new model there was increased community contact time for officers.
- Response times had not been detrimentally effected under the new model.
- The Managed Appointment Unit was working well.
- There would be a Peer Review and a 6 monthly review of the new policing model. The Police and Crime Panel would be receiving an update on progress following 6 months of operation of the new model.

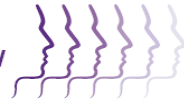
Superintendent Streets stated that £10.2 million of savings would be made by the 2017/18 period, however another £16 million of savings were required in 2019/20.

25. Date of the next meeting

The Board noted that the next meeting was due to take place on Thursday 18 June at 2.00pm.

10.00 - 11.30 am
19 March 2015

CHAIRMAN



LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

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COUNTER-TERRORISM AND SECURITY ACT 2015 - THE NEW STATUTORY PREVENT DUTY

Introduction

1. Section 29 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a statutory duty to specified authorities including County and District/Borough Councils, the Police, Health and Schools to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”.
2. Whilst across Leicestershire much Prevent work is already underway, the new duty gives us the opportunity to look at our policies and practises to ensure that the current work is sufficient and that we are compliant.

Background

3. The Prevent strategy is a key part of CONTEST, the Government’s counter-terrorism strategy. It aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. The strategy aims to respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and those who promote it, prevent people from being drawn into terrorism, and work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation.
4. Prevent is delivered locally in areas considered to be at greatest risk. Thirty local authority areas are currently classed as Prevent “priority” areas and receive funding from the Home Office for a local co-ordinator – Leicester City is one of these areas. In Leicestershire we are in a fortunate position in that the City co-ordinator, currently also works across the County.

Implication of the new Duty

5. The local authorities that are subject to the duty are listed in the Act and include County Councils and District Councils. The expectation is that local authorities will be working with local partners to protect the public, prevent crime and to promote strong, integrated communities. Schools are also subject to the duty; frontline staff should understand Prevent, be able to recognise vulnerability to radicalisation, and know where to go to seek further help.
6. Schools – The legislation refers to the duty of care schools have to their pupils and staff; this includes safeguarding them from the risk of being drawn into terrorism, including non-violent extremism, which can create an atmosphere conducive to terrorism and can popularise views which terrorists exploit.

7. Partnership – The Act states that local authorities should establish or make use of any existing local multi-agency group to agree risk and co-ordinate Prevent activity. Many local authorities use Community Safety Partnerships but other multi-agency forums may be appropriate.
8. Across Leicester and Leicestershire the Prevent Steering Group, chaired by Andy Keeling (Chief Operating Officer for the City Council), currently undertakes this function; the County Council is represented at this Group via Gurjit Samra-Rai (GSR).
9. Furthermore, the ASB Strategy Group now has governance for Prevent within the multi-agency context; this Group reports to the Strategic Partnership Board.
10. There is also an expectation that the local Prevent co-ordinator has access to senior local authority leadership to give advice and support and that multi-agency groups, through local authorities, will put in place arrangements to effectively monitor the impact of Prevent work. Locally this is Will Baldet. He sits on the Prevent Steering Group, and ASB Strategy Group and Senior Officer Group.
11. Intelligence - Local authorities are expected to use the existing counter-terrorism local profiles (CTLPs), produced for every region by the police, to begin to assess the risk of individuals being drawn into terrorism; this includes not only violent extremism but also non-violent extremism.
12. Policies and Procedures - Local authorities are expected to incorporate the duty into existing policies and procedures, so it becomes part of the day-to-day work of the authority. Local authorities should ensure that there are clear and robust safeguarding policies to identify children at risk. With the support of co-ordinators and others as necessary, any local authority that assesses, through the multi-agency group, that there is a risk should develop a Prevent action plan. This will enable the local authority to comply with the duty and address whatever risks have been identified.
13. Training - Local authorities will be expected to ensure frontline staff have a good understanding of Prevent, are trained to recognise vulnerability to being drawn into terrorism and are aware of available programmes to deal with this issue. Furthermore, staff will be expected to make appropriate referrals to and ensure that Channel is supported by the appropriate organisation and expertise.
14. A WRAP3 train the trainer programme shall be rolled out across the County in order to ensure that there are trained officers within each locality ensuring that those who require the training receive it.

15. Local Authority Resource - In complying with the duty local authorities will be expected to ensure that publicly-owned venues and resources do not provide a platform for extremists and are not used to disseminate extremist views. This includes considering whether IT equipment available to the general public should use filtering solutions that limit access to terrorist and extremist material.
16. Consideration has been given to how we ensure compliance to this element of the legislation. Links to Parish Councils are being explored in order to inform them of the duty and to offer training.
17. Youth provision and the use of wifi connections within them will also be looked into, for example on youth buses (BB90 bus in Blaby), youth café's etc.
18. Two-tier areas – Leicestershire County Council and the 7 District/Borough Councils are required to agree proportionate arrangements for sharing the assessment of risk and for agreeing local Prevent action plans. GS-R has been liaising with District and Borough Councils; all have agreed to produce a local Prevent Action Plan or are incorporating Prevent into their CSP Action Plans.
19. Leicestershire County and Leicester City Council have agreed to jointly fund a Prevent officer to work predominantly across the County to deliver training, work with schools and focus on right wing extremism.
20. Safeguarding - The duty applies to private and voluntary agencies and organisations that provide services in relation to children, including children's homes and independent fostering agencies. These bodies should ensure they are part of their local authorities' safeguarding arrangements and that staff are aware of and know how to contribute to *Prevent* related activity in their area.

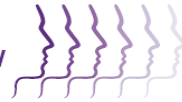
Recommendations

The Board notes the progress and development of the work to comply with the new Prevent Duty.

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SAFER COMMUNITIES PERFORMANCE 2014/15 QUARTER 4

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Board regarding Safer Communities performance.
2. The 2014/15 Quarter 4 Safer Communities dashboard is shown at Appendix 1.
3. The dashboard shows performance of each outcome and the performance measures. It also outlines whether performance is on track to meet targets, current trends based upon the past six months and how districts compare with each other.

Overall Performance Summary

4. At the end of the year the only significant performance issue was a significant increase in vehicle crime.
5. The majority of other crime, disorder and survey measures are all at similar levels to the end of last year, or have improved slightly.
6. First Time Entrants have reduced, however young people's re-offending has increased compared to last year.
7. Performance with regard to each priority is outlined below.

Ongoing Reductions in Crime

8. Overall crime levels are slightly lower than last year. There have been 908 fewer crimes reported (3% reduction), and the majority of crime types are seeing a reduction or stabilising this year following increases last year.
9. However, reported vehicle crime has increased further in the past quarter with 418 more crimes reported this year than last year (11.3% increase) in the County. Blaby, Charnwood, Hinckley & Bosworth & North West Leicestershire have all seen statistically significant increases in January to March of 2015.
10. The main issues regarding vehicle crime include theft of motorcycles and mopeds, thefts of tools from vans, insecure vehicles and items on display.
11. As reported to the Board previously, reports of rape and other sexual offences continue an upward trend in the County. For 2014/15 reported rapes increased by 30 offences (17% increase), and reports of other sexual offences increased by

64 offences (17% increase) compared to last financial year. This is in line with national increases in reports of these offences.

Reducing Re-offending

12. Offending by Integrated Offender Management offenders, including Prolific and Priority offenders (PPOs), reduced by around 55% in the first three quarters of 2014-15 compared to the same period the previous year. The Quarter 3 IOM performance report is attached at Appendix 2.
13. The number of First Time Entrants to the Youth Justice System was lower in 2014/15 than previous years, and less than half the number in 2012/13. However the re-offending rate of young offenders to the end of December 2014 is higher than the same period last year.
14. The highest re-offending category remains around those young people who are subject to community penalties, as reported last quarter. However, with working groups now in place supporting the data from the live tracking element of the re-offending toolkit this is showing significant reductions, down to 2.64 re-offences per offender compared to 3.31 for the same period last year. The Youth Offending Service are targeting those young people with high risk needs and using the toolkit to enable the service to bring to light those with emerging risks.
15. The main increases in re-offending have been by those young people receiving Pre-court and First-tier penalties, which has very slightly increased compared to the same period in the previous year. Re-offending by those receiving pre-court penalties has increased from 0.39 last year to 0.59 this year, and for those receiving First-tier penalties re-offending has increased from 1.00 offences per offender last year to 1.29 this year. As reported last quarter the YOS does not work with those young people subject to all orders in these offending populations, therefore further work will continue to influence the decision making in courts where possible.

Repeat Victimisation and Vulnerable Victims

16. The proportion of repeat domestic abuse cases at MARAC has stayed level, higher than last year, but below the nationally expected range for MARACs of 28% to 40%. As previously reported the Domestic Abuse Partnership have considered this and identified it is because of more consistent referral processes into MARAC, rather than more repeat incidents.
17. The number of reports of domestic abuse to the police remain lower overall compared to last year, and alongside this the number of victims assessed by the police as at high risk of harm has reduced.
18. Referrals to the Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA) service increased this year. Due to recording differences numbers of referrals to other domestic abuse services in the County are not directly comparable with last year, though information from support services suggests the overall number of referrals to domestic abuse support services has increased slightly in 2014/15.

19. Following ongoing decreases the number of reported hate incidents to the police and Hate Incident Project increased in 2014/15 compared to last year. Police and partnership awareness campaigns will be joined up more closely this year.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) & Satisfaction

20. Community Based Survey measures of the proportion of people affected by ASB and the proportion who feel that the police and other local public services are successfully dealing with ASB and crime in their local area have improved further this quarter and for the year as a whole.
21. There was no significant change in the number of reported criminal damage incidents in January to March 2015. Overall there were 535 (11%) fewer incidents reported in 2014/15 than the previous year.

Locality comparisons

22. The charts outlining district comparisons show no significant changes compared with last quarter.

Recommendations

23. That:
 - (a) The Board notes 2014/15 End of year performance information;
 - (b) The Board considers countywide action to address vehicle crime
 - (c) The Board continues to monitor performance trends.

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Appendix - Safer Communities Performance Dashboard 2014/15 Q4

Outcomes	Overall Progress RAG	Overall Comment	Supporting Indicators	Previous Year (2013-14)	Latest Data (12 months to Mar 2015 unless stated)	Current Direction of Travel	Progress	County Comparison	District Comparison
Ongoing reductions in crime	G	Overall crime is lower than last year, but around the same level as the last couple of years. Most key crime types are also slightly lower than last year, though vehicle crime has seen significant increases in many areas of the County in the last few months of the year. Sexual offences have also continued to increase. CSPs are monitoring and responding to trends.	<p>Total Crime rate (per 1,000 population) 47.18 → 45.79</p> <p>Domestic Burglary rate (per 1,000 population) 3.44 → 3.10</p> <p>Vehicle Crime rate (per 1,000 population) 5.71 → 6.35</p> <p>Violence with Injury rate (per 1,000 population) 3.58 → 3.39</p>	Top					
Reduce offending and re-offending, with a particular focus on earlier intervention with families that need the most support: This will mean fewer people start offending and fewer people re-offend.	A	The live tracking element of the reducing re-offending toolkit continues to support a reduction in re-offending by young people on community penalties, however overall re-offending by young people remains higher than last year following the third quarter of 2014-15 due to increases in re-offending by young people on pre-court and first-tier penalties. The number of First Time Entrants have further reduced by 12.7%.	<p>% Reduction in offending by IOM & PPO Offenders 38.9% → 55.4% (Q3 2014-15)</p> <p>Rate of re-offending by young offenders (local data) 1.04 → 1.00 (Apr-Dec 2014)</p> <p>Number of first time entrants to the criminal justice system aged 10 - 17 212 → 185</p>	-					
Protect and support the most vulnerable in communities, particularly previous and repeat victims of crime and those affected by domestic abuse: This will mean the impact of crime and disorder on these people's lives is reduced.	G	Referrals to domestic abuse support services have increased slightly. The increase in the proportion of repeat incidents at MARAC is due to more consistent referral processes. Following reductions reported hate incidents have increased again. Findings from the Leicester University study into hate crime will be incorporated into forward plans to address hate.	<p>% of domestic violence cases reviewed at MARAC that are repeat incidents 21% → 27%</p> <p>Number of referrals to domestic abuse support services (adults) 1,259* → 1,264</p> <p>Reported hate incidents (per 1,000 population) 0.64 → 0.68</p> <p>*not directly comparable</p>	Average					
Continue to reduce anti-social behaviour, particularly in those areas with the highest levels of incidents with a particular emphasis on information sharing and volunteering opportunities: This will mean fewer people are affected by anti-social behaviour.	G	Survey measures regarding ASB and local community safety response have improved. The Community Trigger and revised approach in line with the ASB, Crime & Policing Act are now in place, although elements of the Act are delayed.	<p>% of people stating that they have been a victim of anti-social behaviour in the past year 7.7% → 5.3%</p> <p>% of people stating that they feel that the police and other local public services are successfully dealing with ASB and crime in their local area 79.0% → 86.1%</p>	-					

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LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

18 JUNE 2015

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES AGREEMENT

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to present the Safer Communities Agreement for Leicestershire for 2015/16

Background

2. The Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007 require a Safer Communities Agreement to be produced at a County level to identify how agencies and Community Safety Partnerships will work together to address common local issues across the area.

Updated Agreement

3. The updated agreement for 2015/16 is attached at Appendix 1. This agreement has been updated based upon the common priorities identified in Leicestershire Community Safety Partnership plans for 2015-16.
4. The priorities have been updated to the following:
 - a) Reduce offending and re-offending, with a particular focus on earlier intervention with families that need the most support.
 - b) Protect and support the most vulnerable in communities, particularly previous and repeat victims of crime and those affected by sexual violence and domestic abuse.
 - c) Continue to reduce anti-social behaviour, particularly in those areas with the highest levels of incidents with an emphasis on information sharing and an effective partnership response.
 - d) Prevent people from being drawn into terrorism with a particular focus on working in partnership to reduce the risk of radicalisation.

Recommendations

5. That:
 - (a) The Board agree the Safer Communities Agreement for 2015/16.

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Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board

Leicestershire Safer Communities Agreement 2015-16

Introduction

1. This agreement sets out the county-level community safety priorities across Leicestershire and outlines how agencies and partnerships will work together and share resources to deliver these and other Safer Communities common priorities through the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board.

Priorities










2. The Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board's priorities are identified and reviewed through the Partnership Strategic Assessment and local CSPs identification of matters to be addressed at a County Level. The Board reviewed its priorities in 2012 and agreed the following three priorities:
 - a. Reduce offending and re-offending, with a particular focus on earlier intervention with families that need the most support: This will mean fewer people start offending and fewer people re-offend.
 - b. Protect and support the most vulnerable in communities, particularly previous and repeat victims of crime and those affected by domestic abuse: This will mean the impact of crime and disorder on these people's lives is reduced.
 - c. Continue to reduce anti-social behaviour, particularly in those areas with the highest levels of incidents with a particular emphasis on information sharing and volunteering opportunities: This will mean fewer people are affected by anti-social behaviour.
3. Following a review of CSP plans and emerging priorities It is proposed that the Boards priorities are slightly revised to:
 - a. Reduce offending and re-offending, with a particular focus on earlier intervention with families that need the most support.
 - b. Protect and support the most vulnerable in communities, particularly previous and repeat victims of crime and those affected by sexual violence and domestic abuse.
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 - d. Prevent people from being drawn into terrorism with a particular focus on working in partnership to reduce the risk of radicalisation.

4. These priorities mirror those identified by CSPs, with all identifying the above as local priorities in some form. In addition the priorities reflect links to Supporting Leicestershire Families and Safeguarding work.

Governance & Performance Management

5. The Safer Communities Strategy Board will oversee this agreement and these priorities. The Board will also work as part of approaches identified through the the Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Strategic Partnership Board, and will appoint CSP representatives for Leicestershire to the Strategic Partnership Board as required.
6. The Board will continue to oversee and commission the Leicestershire & Rutland approach to Domestic Homicide Reviews on behalf of the Community Safety Partnerships.
7. Performance on the Safer Communities Agreement priorities will be overseen by the Safer Communities Strategy Board, supported by its Senior Officer Group.
8. Performance will be measured as per the measures in the dashboard at Appendix one and other performance measures as identified to address emerging issues.
9. Individual Safer Communities Agreement priorities are managed through the Reducing Re-offending Board, Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy Group, Sexual Violence Delivery Group, Leicestershire County Domestic Abuse Partnership.
10. Whilst these groups and their associated delivery groups are key groups for delivery against these priorities, local Community Safety Partnerships also play an essential role in local delivery and development.

Appendix 1 – Safer Communities Performance dashboard (2014/15 Q4 as example)

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Ongoing reductions in crime	G	Overall crime is lower than last year, but around the same level as the last couple of years. Most key crime types are also slightly lower than last year, though vehicle crime has seen significant increases in many areas of the County in the last few months of the year. Sexual offences have also continued to increase. CSPs are monitoring and responding to trends.	Total Crime rate (per 1,000 population)	47.18	45.79	→	G	Top	
			Domestic Burglary rate (per 1,000 population)	3.44	3.10	→	G	Bottom	
			Vehicle Crime rate (per 1,000 population)	5.71	6.35	↓	R	Bottom	
			Violence with Injury rate (per 1,000 population)	3.58	3.39	→	G	Top	
Reduce offending and re-offending, with a particular focus on earlier intervention with families that need the most support: This will mean fewer people start offending and fewer people re-offend.	A	The live tracking element of the reducing re-offending toolkit continues to support a reduction in re-offending by young people on community penalties, however overall re-offending by young people remains higher than last year following the third quarter of 2014-15 due to increases in re-offending by young people on pre-court and first-tier penalties. The number of First Time Entrants have further reduced by 12.7%.	% Reduction in offending by IOM & PPO Offenders	38.9%	55.4% (Q3 2014-15)	→	G	-	
			Rate of re-offending by young offenders (local data)	1.04	1.00 (Apr-Dec 2014)	→	A	-	
			Number of first time entrants to the criminal justice system aged 10 - 17	212	185	↑	G		
Protect and support the most vulnerable in communities, particularly previous and repeat victims of crime and those affected by domestic abuse: This will mean the impact of crime and disorder on these people's lives is reduced.	G	Referrals to domestic abuse support services have increased slightly. The increase in the proportion of repeat incidents at MARAC is due to more consistent referral processes. Following reductions reported hate incidents have increased again. Findings from the Leicester University study into hate crime will be incorporated into forward plans to address hate.	% of domestic violence cases reviewed at MARAC that are repeat incidents	21%	27%	→	G	Average	
			Number of referrals to domestic abuse support services (adults)	1,259*	1,264	→		-	
			Reported hate incidents (per 1,000 population)	0.64	0.68	↓	G	-	
				*not directly comparable					
Continue to reduce anti-social behaviour, particularly in those areas with the highest levels of incidents with a particular emphasis on information sharing and volunteering opportunities: This will mean fewer people are affected by anti-social behaviour.	G	Survey measures regarding ASB and local community safety response have improved. The Community Trigger and revised approach in line with the ASB, Crime & Policing Act are now in place, although elements of the Act are delayed.	% of people stating that they have been a victim of anti-social behaviour in the past year	7.7%	5.3%	↑	G	-	
			% of people stating that they feel that the police and other local public services are successfully dealing with ASB and crime in their local area	79.0%	86.1%	↑	G	-	

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LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

18 JUNE 2015

DOMESTIC ABUSE UPDATE

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Board on progress regarding domestic abuse including the work of the Domestic Abuse Partnership.
2. The Safer Communities Strategy Board has oversight of delivery of the Leicestershire Multi-Agency Domestic Abuse Strategy. The Domestic Abuse Partnership delivers this strategy and will report on a regular basis to the Board on progress, risks and issues with regard to Domestic Abuse.

Domestic Abuse Commissioning

3. Leicestershire County Council has been working with Leicester City Council, Rutland County Council and the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner to commission joint sexual violence and domestic abuse support services for adults across the area.
4. Following the consultation on domestic abuse and sexual violence services carried out in January to March 2015 the agreed approach was a single support service across Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland for primary victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence aged 13+.
5. Procurement is being led by Leicester City Council and the Invitation to Tender for this was released on 7 May 2015, with a view to new services being in place from 1 December 2015. Tenders will be assessed by a panel made up of officers from each of the commissioning organisations and an officer from Charnwood Borough Council.
6. Transition arrangements have been set up for 1 April 2015 to 31 November 2015, continuing existing arrangements for IDVA, helpline and outreach and family services, but bringing together all outreach and family support arrangements with one provider; Women's Aid Leicestershire Ltd into a single bridging contract.
7. Further work is being carried out to determine the scope of Children & Families support regarding domestic abuse for Leicestershire County. This will focus on support for children from households where domestic abuse has occurred (child secondary victims) and will be part of a joined up approach with Early Help services and the new LLR Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence service. There will be opportunity for stakeholders to feed into this over the coming months.

8. Alongside these developments further work is also taking place to finalise care pathways for co-ordinated support for individuals and families affected by domestic abuse.

Prevention

9. In conjunction with the City Domestic Violence Delivery Group and funded through the Ministry of Justice competed fund the Partnership ran a 'How Many Times' awareness campaign regarding domestic abuse and sexual violence from November 2014.
10. The campaign materials and approaches were developed based upon direct work with survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence. It included use of radio advertising, social media, video, specific events, posters and community sessions to maximise reach of the campaign across the population as a whole, but also to those directly affected by domestic abuse.
11. The Leicestershire domestic abuse helpline saw a significant increase in calls from members of the public during October to December 2014 compared to previous months and previous years.
12. Embedding the use of the Safe Lives (formerly CAADA) DASH (Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Harassment) risk indicator checklist was included as a recommendation in both Domestic Homicide Reviews published in 2014. The programme of training for partner agencies funded by the Safeguarding Board and the County Council resulted in 20 DASH training sessions for frontline staff, plus 3 Train the Trainer courses and 2 DASH for young people training courses overall reaching 537 workers. The Train the Trainer courses allowing ongoing training to be provided in 15 agencies.
13. Implementation of Operation Encompass in the County will commence shortly to go live from the start of the new school term in August 2015. Implementation will include provision of information and guidance for schools and will be reviewed in 2016 to assess the cost and effectiveness of the approach and consider revision and further roll-out, for example to early-years settings.

Engagement

14. Project 360 funded by the Police & Crime Commissioner through Ministry of Justice funding following a successful partnership funding bid is trialling an enhanced service for some repeat victims of domestic abuse to support their engagement in support and the criminal justice system to improve outcomes for them and their families. This project has been extended to run to the end of November 2015.
15. The full research evaluation is underway and will be completed in 2016. End of year findings from the initial project period show more positive outcomes regarding safety and confidence in services for those receiving the enhanced early intervention service, however this is based upon very small numbers.

Enforcement

16. Partners within the Domestic Abuse Partnership are exploring the development of the Integrated Offender Management Approach to domestic abuse.

City & County Delivery Groups

17. The alignment of City and County Domestic Abuse groups has taken place and is developing further. The group has trialled three-part (City/County& Rutland/Joint) and fully joint meetings and an overarching action plan is being finalised taking into account priorities across the areas. The joint partnership group will be known as the Domestic Violence Delivery Group.

Key Risks

18. As reported in the performance paper the number of referrals to domestic abuse services has increased slightly. This increase in referrals has meant that support services remain stretched. Some additional resources have continued into 2015-16. The IDVA service was looking to increase risk threshold for support, but that is now not required and the capacity of services and waiting lists will continue to be monitored.
19. The commissioning arrangements will represent significant changes in service provision across the sub-region. There is a risk for disruption of services and pathways from this change. Partners will be working together, with providers to manage this change and any transfer of service that occurs as a result of this broad re-commissioning.

Recommendations

20. It is recommended that:
 - (a) The Board notes the progress of commissioning regarding domestic abuse;
 - (b) The Board notes the work and development of the Domestic Abuse Partnership;
 - (c) The Board notes the key risks with regard to domestic abuse at this time.

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LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

18 JUNE 2015

DOMESTIC ABUSE – DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEWS

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to outline progress on current Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs), action plans from previous DHRs and outline proposed developments of the process for carrying out DHRs in Leicestershire.

Background

2. A joint procedure for DHRs in Leicestershire & Rutland was agreed through the Board in 2012. Through the Board CSPs jointly commission the Business Office of the Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Boards to co-ordinate the process on their behalf alongside the processes for Serious Case Reviews.
3. The joint procedure is funded by annual contributions from District Councils, the County Council and the Police to provide for the infrequent nature of domestic homicides in the County.

Progress of DHRs

4. Two DHRs are in progress and a learning event regarding a homicide earlier in 2014 that did not meet the criteria for a domestic homicide review, but had domestic abuse links is awaiting confirmation of the approach for information sharing.
5. The current number of DHRs does not require partner contributions to be drawn down as outlined in the report to the last Board meeting. This will be revisited for the next Board meeting.

DHR Action Plans

6. At the end of the year almost all single agency actions were completed, though some updates are still awaited:
 - Police to confirm all actions relating to 'Mary' DHR are complete and that learning from 'FN' DHR has been disseminated.
 - Swanswell to confirm whether all relevant staff have received DASH training.
 - Leicestershire County Children's Social Care to complete case audit to check compliance with supervision policy with regard to case closure.

7. At the end of the year all multi-agency actions for the domestic abuse partnership were completed apart from the following.
8. **Dissemination of a multi-agency practitioner guide to domestic abuse.** This has now been finalised and published on the Safeguarding Boards' website www.lrsb.org.uk/domestic-abuse. Some agencies have used this as a basis for internal practice guidelines.
9. **A review of how domestic abuse is covered within multi-agency case management processes.** This has not been carried out due to capacity in the Leicestershire County Community Safety Team. This has now been scoped to be completed this year in line with work on pathway development
10. **Finalising a framework of pathways for domestic abuse support.** Work on this is underway linked to the commissioning of Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland joint services for those affected by domestic abuse and sexual violence
11. **Determining an approach to working with businesses to develop employment policies regarding domestic abuse.** This has not been carried out due to capacity in the Leicestershire County Community Safety Team. An approach will be determined by the end of this calendar year

Updated DHR process

12. A number of lessons have been learned through the recent DHRs regarding the process itself, and consideration of alignment with the City process has been taken. The draft revised process is attached at Appendix 1.
13. The annual contribution levels are retained as follows as previously agreed at the Board, to be reviewed for the 2017-18 financial year:
 - Leicestershire County Council £30,000
 - Leicestershire Police £16,000
 - Rutland County Council £2,500
 - District Councils x 7 @ £2,500 £17,500

Recommendations

14. That:
 - (a) The Board notes progress of DHRs and the resultant action plans.
 - (b) Board members comment on the revised DHR process.

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