LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

Friday, 18 June 2021 at 10.00 am

Microsoft Teams video link

Agenda

- 1. Election of Chairman.
- 2. Election of Deputy Chairman.
- 3. Introductions
- 4. Minutes of previous meeting. (Pages 3 10)
- Matters arising
- 6. LSCSB Action Log (Pages 11 12)
- 7. Declarations of interest

Decision.

8. Domestic Abuse Act.

(Pages 13 - 16)

This report will be presented by Gurjit Samra-Rai, Community Safety Manager, Leicestershire County Council.

9. Community Trigger Review/Appeal Process

(Pages 17 - 20)

This report will be presented by Gurjit Samra-Rai, Community Safety Manager, Leicestershire County Council.

Discussion.

10. Violence Reduction Network Update.

(Pages 21 - 40)

This report will be presented by Grace Strong, Strategic Director, Violence Reduction Network.

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11. Police Prevent Team.

Inspector Bill Knopp, Leicestershire Police Prevent Team will give a presentation.

12. LSCSB Partner Update: Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

(Pages 41 - 50)

This report will be presented by Paul Hindson, Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

13. Probation Transition Update.

(Pages 51 - 60)

Bob Bearne, National Probation Service, will give a presentation.

14. Safer Communities Performance 2020/21 - Quarter 4.

(Pages 61 - 66)

This report will be presented by Rik Basra, Community Safety Coordinator, Leicestershire County Council.

Information.

15. Glen Parva Prison.

(Pages 67 - 76)

Nick Dann and Raj Singh from the Ministry of Justice will give a presentation.

16. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled to take place on Friday 24 September 2021 at 10.00am.

17. Other business

Agenda Item 4

Leicestershire Safer
Communities Strategy
Board
Making Leicestershire Safer

Minutes of a meeting of the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board held via Microsoft Teams video link on Friday, 19 March 2021.

Present

Mrs D. Taylor CC (in the Chair)

Cllr. L. Phillimore Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Chair

- Blaby District Council

Cllr. A. Pearson Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Chair

- Melton Borough Council

Cllr. M. Mullaney Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Chair

- Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council

Cllr. S. Whelband Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Chair

- Harborough District Council

Cllr. A. Woodward Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Chair

North West Leicestershire District Council

Supt. A. Streets Leicestershire Police

Lord Willy Bach Police and Crime Commissioner

Combined Fire Authority

Mr. K. Bowden Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service

Ms. R. Garton Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Groups

Mr. B. Bearne National Probation Service

Dr Joshna Mavji Public Health Leicestershire County Council

Officers

Mr. T. Parton CC

Rik Basra

Anita Chavda

Chris Thomas

Leicestershire County Council

Leicestershire County Council

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Leicestershire County Council

Rebecca Holcroft Blaby District Council

Julie Robinson Charnwood Borough Council
Sarah Pickering Harborough District Council

Mark Smith Oadby and Wigston Borough Council Sharon Stacey Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council

Other attendees

Paul Hindson Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Stevie-Jade Hardy Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Gurjit Samra-Rai Violence Reduction Network
Sean Arbuthnot Prevent, St Phillips Centre
DCI Gavin Drummond Leicestershire Police

CI Steve Riley

Nick Dann

Raj Singh

Leicestershire Police

Ministry of Justice

Ministry of Justice

Apologies for absence

Cllr. L. Harper-Davies Charnwood Borough Council – Cabinet Lead

Member for Community Safety

Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group

Chair - Oadby and Wigston Borough Council

Carly Turner

Andrew Cotton

Grace Strong

Leicestershire County Council

Melton Borough Council

Violence Reduction Network

Victoria Charlton Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

DCS Shane O'Neill Leicestershire Police

29. Introductions

Cllr. K. Loydall

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

30. Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2020 were taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

31. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

32. LSCSB Action Log

The Board considered the LSCSB Action Log, a copy of which, marked 'Agenda Item 4', is filed with these minutes.

It was noted that most of the outstanding actions on the Log would be completed as part of the agenda of this meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the status of the LSCSB Action Log be noted.

33. 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.

No declarations were made.

34. Community Safety Communications.

The Board received a verbal presentation from Lucy Booth, Communications Officer, Leicestershire County Council, regarding the County Council processes for disseminating messages to the public. It was acknowledged that the Communications Plan needed to have more of an emphasis on Community Safety going forward and reassurance was given that Community Safety would be incorporated into the 2021/22 Plan. It was explained that there was a strong focus on using social media to disseminate messages to the public however consideration was being given to other methods of communication. The Leicestershire Matters magazine was a useful tool for getting messages to those people that did not have access to social media and regular meetings were held with the

departmental Directors at Leicestershire County Council to look at priorities and pick out key themes for the next 12 months. The communications plan for 2021/22 would have a greater emphasis on using Leicestershire Matters.

It was suggested that Board members should forward to Democratic Services at Leicestershire County Council ideas for Community Safety topics to be publicised in Leicestershire Matters and they would be forwarded onto the Communications Teams for consideration. One current topic suggested was dog theft which had become increasingly prevalent since the Covid-19 pandemic began. Paul Hindson offered to forward to Board members a report containing dog theft data to illustrate how widespread the problem was.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the contents of the presentation be noted;
- (b) That Board members be advised that they can submit suggestions for Community Safety topics to be promoted by the Communications Team.

35. Change to Order of Business.

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

36. Probation Update.

The Board received a presentation from Bob Bearne, National Probation Service regarding the forthcoming probation reforms and unification. A copy of the presentation slides, marked 'Agenda Item 9', is filed with these minutes.

Arising from the presentation the following points were noted:

- (i) On 26 June 2021 the National Probation Service and Community Rehabilitation Companies would unify.
- (ii) There would be 12 probation regions across the country and Leicestershire would be part of the East Midlands region. This was smaller than the Midlands region which Leicestershire was currently part of therefore the service would operate on a more local basis. Each Probation region would be split into local Delivery Units and there would be one Unit for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland with Bob Bearne as Head. The main probation office for the Unit would be on Compton Street in Leicester and the current Community Rehabilitation Company staff would be transferred into the employ of the National Probation Service and be based at that office.
- (iii) As a result of the changes Community Safety partnerships would find it easier to liaise with probation as they would only have one organisation to deal with and the National Probation Service would have greater capacity to attend meetings.
- (iv) Information sharing agreements with partners would require updating to reflect the move to one organisation. The National Probation Service would lead on this.

(v) Approximately 10% of the National Probation Service budget would be spent on commissioning which would take place at a national, regional and local level.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the presentation be noted.

37. Prevent Update.

The Board considered a report of Sean Arbuthnot, Prevent Co-ordinator, which provided an update on the Prevent work taking place in Leicestershire which sought to stop vulnerable people being drawn into terrorism. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 7', is filed with these minutes.

The Board also received a verbal update from Chief Inspector Steve Riley, Head of Protect & Prepare Counter Terrorism Policing regarding his work.

Arising from discussions the following points were noted:

- (i) Leicestershire Police held the data for Prevent referrals and it could be broken down into Districts, however permission would need to be sought from the Police to publish this data. The majority of referrals were for the Leicester City area and related to Islamic terrorism whereas the referrals for Leicestershire were right wing related. The County referrals mainly related to individuals rather than terrorist groups. Recently right-wing groups had been attempting to exploit the Covid-19 pandemic to promote their views.
- (ii) Whilst Leicester City was a priority area for preventing terrorism and therefore many of the Prevent projects were based in the City the projects could be sent out into the County as well. The Prevent service was originally conducted face to face for example in schools however due to the Covid-19 pandemic more activities were being carried out online which made it easier to exhibit the projects to a wider audience. The offer was made to Board members to contact Sean Arbuthnot if there were any Prevent projects they wanted in their Districts.
- (iii) The StreetVibe service based in Braunstone had developed a workshop known as Realtalk which aimed to raise awareness of far-right extremism. Business cards had been created which when scanned into a mobile phone would enable access to the workshop online. Elected members offered to distribute the business cards to homes as they carried out election campaigning and Sean Arbuthnot agreed to liaise with James Clacey who ran the project and ensure the cards were forwarded to members. Cllr. Les Phillimore explained that he was the Regional Chairman for the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) and the FSB could help distribute the business cards and spread messages to the public regarding preventing terrorism. It was agreed that his contact details would be shared with Sean Arbuthnot.
- (iv) A new mobile phone app called iREPORTit had been launched to enable the public to report any extremist content. Alternatively the public could use the GOV.UK website.
- (v) There was concern that some terrorism related reading material was available to be purchased by the public from major book sellers such as Waterstones and Amazon

and the public might not be aware that possession of some of this material could be a criminal offence.

- (vi) Terrorist methods were now focused on attacking public places therefore prevention strategies needed to give consideration to this. A Government consultation was taking place regarding Prevent and improving the safety and security of public venues. It was agreed that the consultation document would be circulated to members after the meeting.
- (vii) The Home Office had instigated a move for Prevent projects to become more regional rather than national. To assist with this transition Regional Coordinators were being put in place to act as a conduit between the Home Office and the regions, attend local partnership boards and share good practice. These job vacancies were being advertised on 22 March 2021.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the work of Prevent in Leicestershire and the improved Governance procedures be supported;
- (b) That Board members be advised to inform the Prevent Coordinator of any opportunities/issues arising that may benefit/affect local projects.

38. County Lines.

The Board considered a report of Detective Chief Superintendent (DCS) Shane O'Neill which provided an update on the police and partnership response to illegal drugs transportation and supply known as 'County Lines'. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 8', is filed with these minutes.

The Board welcomed Detective Chief Inspector Gav Drummond, Leicestershire Police, to present the report on behalf of DCS O'Neill.

Arising from discussions the following points were noted:

- (i) Leicestershire Police collected data regarding County Lines and the data was provided to Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) and if CSPs had specific queries about the data those queries could be answered. RAG rating and scoring was carried out to assess the level and risk of harm from County Lines in Leicestershire and help prioritisation of resources. Where issues needed greater publicity Commanders of Neighbourhood Policing Teams would attend CSP meetings and Joint Action Groups.
- (ii) When suppliers of illegal drugs were prosecuted and sent to prison the demand for the drugs continued and other criminals took over supplying that demand. Those criminals that had been apprehended as part of Operation Lionheart and given prison sentences would be shortly coming to the end of their sentences and therefore preparations needed to be made for when they returned to communities. Making arrests was only part of the approach to tackling County Lines and further work needed to be undertaken with regards to prevention. It was agreed that further

- conversations towards devising a prevention strategy would take place after the meeting.
- (iii) In response to concerns raised about missing children that were subsequently found to be involved in County Lines it was explained that the Child Sexual Exploitation Safeguarding Hub based at Wigston Police Station worked with children that had been involved in Child Criminal Exploitation to prevent them being exploited again.
- (iv) In response to a proposal from Leicestershire Police that CSPs consider carrying out a review of their work regarding County Lines to share learning and develop a best practice guide it was suggested that Charnwood or North West Leicestershire CSPs could lead on this. It was agreed that further conversations between the CSPs and Leicestershire Police would take place after the meeting to establish the best way forward.
- (v) It was suggested that District councils and social housing providers could play a greater role in observing when illegal drug activity was taking place at those properties and reporting their observations to the police.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the continued Partnership activity and development in relation to tackling County Lines across Leicestershire be noted;
- (b) That officers be requested to consider how best to undertake a review of Leicestershire Community Safety Partnership activity to share learning and develop a best practice guide to disrupting County Lines.
- 39. Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Strategic Partnership Board Update.

The Board considered a report of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner which provided an update on the work of the Office and the Strategic Partnership Board (SPB). A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 10', is filed with these minutes.

Arising from discussions the following points were noted:

- (vi) The Government had increased the amount of Safer Streets funding that was available by £25 million in order to address concerns around the safety of women and girls on the streets. Clarity from the Government was awaited regarding exactly what the money could be spent on and a bid for the funding was being put together on behalf of Leicestershire.
- (vii) One of the main themes of SPB meetings was the childhood trauma approach to crime prevention and mitigation. It was suggested that an update on this work could be provided to a future meeting of the Board.
- (viii) In Lancashire a single fully integrated model was being used for public sector volunteering. It was proposed to use elements of this model in Leicestershire for example running joint training sessions.

(ix) It was suggested that the Highways department at the County Council could play a greater role to promote Community Safety by making footpaths and cyclepaths safer from crime.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted.

40. Community Safety Survey - Key Findings.

The Board received a presentation from Stevie-Jade Hardy, Evidence and Evaluation Lead, Violence Reduction Network, regarding the Community Safety Survey which had been commissioned by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). A copy of the presentation slides, marked 'Agenda Item 11', is filed with these minutes.

In introducing the survey findings the Police and Crime Commissioner stated that he was satisfied with the numbers of people that took part in the survey but some geographical areas of LLR had much more respondents to the survey than other areas. There was also many more older people than younger people that took part in the survey.

On behalf of Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) concerns were raised that the findings of the survey in relation to LFRS were not consistent with the survey that LFRS carried out themselves which indicated that 99% of people were satisfied with LFRS. It was questioned how the OPCC survey differed from the LFRS survey in the way it was conducted.

Members asked for more information regarding the demographics of the survey participants and the time period the survey was conducted over and it was agreed that this would be provided after the meeting.

A member suggested that a narrative approach to conducting surveys was more effective and in response it was agreed that it was important to use a variety of survey methods and the style used in the Community Survey was just one of many useful methods.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the contents of the presentation be noted;
- (b) That officers be requested to provide members with further detail regarding the survey's methodology.

41.LSCSB Performance 2020/21 - Quarter 3.

The Board considered a report of Rik Basra, Community Safety Coordinator, Leicestershire County Council which provided an update regarding Safer Communities Performance 2020/21 - Quarter 3. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 12', is filed with these minutes.

RESOLVED:

That the 2020/21 Quarter 3 performance information be noted.

42. Glen Parva Prison Update.

The Board received a verbal update from Nick Dann and Raj Singh of the Ministry of Justice regarding the Glen Parva Prison project. The Board was in receipt of the February 2021 Glen Parva Project newsletter a copy of which, marked 'Agenda Item 13', is filed with these minutes.

As part of the presentation the following points were made:

- (i) The Project had not been delayed by Covid-19 and none of the contractors had been required to isolate so far. Voluntary lateral flow testing was taking place and many project workers had come forward to take the test.
- (ii) The pre-cast concrete panels had just been erected which was an important step in the construction of the building.
- (iii) The Government had confirmed that the prison would be run by a private company and the competition had been opened. Four companies would be bidding and they were G4S, Serco, Sodexo, and MTC. The bids would be evaluated at the end of July 2021.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the update be noted.

43. Date of the next meeting

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting of the Board take place on Friday 18 June 2021 at 10:00am.

10.00 am - 12.10 pm 19 March 2021 **CHAIRMAN**

Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board Action Log

No.	Date	Action	Responsible Officer	Comments	Status
1	26.6.20	Leicestershire Police to provide a report to a future meeting of the Board regarding lessons learned from the Covid-19 pandemic and how the Force will operate in future.	Rik Basra/Adam Slonecki	This will be an item for a future Board meeting.	Amber
2	11.12.20	Update for a future Board meeting on the LSCSB SOG and CSP Development proposals particularly the Governance arrangements.	Paul Hindson/Rik Basra	Progress has been made through the Senior Officer Group & SPB, next steps are being formulated and will be relayed to the Board once these are firmed up. This was discussed at the last two Senior Officer Group meetings and new SOG Terms of Reference agreed. This will form part of the OPCC update provided by PH.	Amber
3	11.12.20	Probation Service to provide an update to the Board regarding changes to probation services preferably before unification occurs on 26 June 2021.	Rik Basra/Bob Bearne	This update was provided at the March Board meeting.	Green
4	19.3.21	Probation Service to provide further updates to the Board regarding unification at meetings in June and September 2021	Rik Basra/Bob Bearne	Bob Bearne is scheduled to give a further update to the June (and Sept) meeting.	Amber
5	19.3.21	LSCSB members to forward to Euan Walters Community Safety topics for Communications Team to disseminate to the public.	All Board members/Euan Walters		
6	19.3.21	Paul Hindson to circulate report regarding dog theft data	Paul Hindson/Euan Walters	Report circulated by email to all Board attendees 22.3.21	Green
7	19.3.21	Link to Prevent consultation to be circulated to members.	Sean Arbuthnot, Euan Walters	Consultation document circulated 23.3.21	Green
8	19.3.21	Cllr Les Phillimore's contact details to be shared with Sean Arbuthnot.	Euan Walters	Completed 22.3.21	Green

No.	Date	Action	Responsible Officer	Comments	Status
9	19.3.21	Sean Arbuthnot to send cards for Prevent app to Cllrs Taylor, Parton and Phillimore for them to put through letterboxes.	Sean Arbuthnot	Email received from Sean Arbuthnot 21.4.21 saying that project funding is awaiting final ministerial sign-off and therefore cards have not been able to be sent out.	Red
10	19.3.21	Invite Police Prevent team to a future meeting of the Board	Rik Basra/Euan Walters	PS Goadby supervisor in the Police Prevent team is scheduled to give a presentation to the June Board	Amber
11	19.3.21	Stevie-Jade Hardy to forward to the Board further information regarding time period of survey and the people that took part.	Stevie-Jade Hardy/Euan Walters	Completed 22.3.21	Green



<u>LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD</u> <u>18th JUNE 2021</u>

LSCSB UPDATE: DOMESTIC ABUSE ACT

Background

- 1. The Domestic Abuse Bill passed both Houses of Parliament and was signed into law on 29 April 2021. The Act is now law and will begin to be implemented across criminal justice systems and agencies later this year.
- 2. The Domestic Abuse Act is set to provide further protections to the millions of people who experience domestic abuse, as well as strengthen measures to tackle perpetrators.
- 3. Putting the definition and the accompanying guidance on a statutory footing, while also recognising the impact of domestic abuse on children will ensure that domestic abuse is properly understood and that in seeking to tackle this abhorrent crime and provide support services to survivors and their children, all public agencies and others are applying a common definition.

Notable developments and challenges:

The definition of DA

- 4. The Act creates a cross-government statutory definition of domestic abuse, to ensure that domestic abuse is properly understood, considered unacceptable and actively challenged across statutory agencies and in public attitudes; different types of relationships are captured, including ex-partners and family members.
- 5. Broad categories are listed which capture a range of different abusive behaviours, including physical, emotional abuse and economic abuse.
- 6. The Act also recognises that domestic abuse can impact on a child who sees or hears, or experiences the effects of the abuse and it treats such children as victims of domestic abuse in their own right where they are related to either the abuser or the abused, rather than as a witness.
- 7. New guidance on the definition will be issued which will also recognise that the majority of victims of abuse are female.

8. The Act will:

- Establish the independent office of Domestic Abuse Commissioner and set out the Commissioner's functions and powers to provide public leadership on domestic abuse issues and play a key role in overseeing and monitoring the provision of domestic abuse services.
- Provide for a new civil Domestic Abuse Protection Notice to provide immediate
 protection following a domestic abuse incident, and a Domestic Abuse
 Protection Order (DAPO) to provide flexible, longer-term protection for victims.
 A DAPN would be issued by the police and could, for example, require a
 perpetrator to leave the victim's home for up to 48 hours; breach of a DAPO
 will be a criminal offence, carrying a maximum penalty of up to five years'
 imprisonment, or a fine, or both. These will be tested in a small number of
 areas before national roll out.
- Prohibit perpetrators of abuse from cross-examining their victims in person in the civil and family courts in England and Wales.
- Extend the controlling or coercive behaviour offence to cover post-separation abuse.
- Extend the offence of disclosing private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress (known as the "revenge porn" offence) to cover threats to disclose such material.
- Create a new offence of non-fatal strangulation or suffocation of another person.
- Provide for a statutory domestic abuse perpetrator strategy. This will be published next year.
- Enable domestic abuse offenders to be subject to polygraph testing as a condition of their licence following their release from custody.
- Place the guidance supporting the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme ("Clare's law") on a statutory footing. This enables the police to disclose information to a victim or potential victim of domestic abuse about their partner's or ex-partner's previous abusive or violent offending. Work is underway across LLR to look at how this will be implemented.
- Provide that all eligible homeless victims of domestic abuse automatically have 'priority need' for homelessness assistance.
- Prohibit GPs and other health professionals in general practice from charging a victim of domestic abuse for a letter to support an application for legal aid.

Key issues for partnership working or affecting partners

9. The Act also places a duty on tier one local authorities to provide accommodation based support to victims of domestic abuse and their children in refuges and other safe accommodation and provides clarity over governance and accountability, requiring tier two councils (district/borough councils), to co-operate with the lead local authority.

- 10. A multi-agency Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board must be appointed; across LLR there is already a strategic DASV Operations Group which will fulfil this function. Membership will be extended to comply with the new duty.
- 11. A Strategic Needs Assessment must be undertaken to assess the need for accommodation-based domestic abuse support across Leicestershire for all victims. This work has commenced, data is currently being collated from numerous agencies and a call has been put out to victims and survivors of DA to make contact and tell us about their experiences. It is imperative that as data and information is requested, it is released swiftly. The national DA charity SafeLives will work with us to evaluate the findings in July.
- 12. The Needs Assessment will inform the development of a strategy for the provision of support to cover Leicestershire and inform commissioning / decommissioning decisions.
- 13. Funding has been allocated by the Ministry of Housing and Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to support all of this work; Leicestershire County Council has received £1,127, 205 whilst each district/Borough has received approx. £33, 000.

<u>Issues in local areas</u>

- 14. A County DA Act and Funding Group has been convened to support the response to the DA Act across Leicestershire, membership includes all districts/boroughs, Leicestershire County Council (Children and Family Service, Adult Social Care and Public Health)and Police for the "closed" part of the meeting and DA service providers join for the "open" session.
- 15. The Group has identified that therapeutic support for victims and survivors of DA, support for children and dispersed housing are all gaps in service that should be progressed whilst waiting for the Needs Assessment to be published. Funding for therapy and children's support has been sought, unsuccessfully, for several years.
- 16. Furthermore, the Group has identified the need for DA Accommodation Support Officers at the district/borough to co-ordinate and support victims who need safe accommodation. The proposal is to have job descriptions with the same, minimum requirements across the County, with each locality adding other duties as required. Some districts/boroughs may pool funding depending on demand and resource requirement.

Recommendations for the Board

- 17. It is recommended that the Board:
- (a) Note the contents of the report.
- (b) Support the production of Needs Assessment as outlined in paragraph 3.3
- (c) Agree the proposal outlined in paragraph 4.3 for a collaborative approach toward the district / borough DA funding.

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LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD 18th JUNE 2021

LSCSB UPDATE: COMMUNITY TRIGGER REVIEW/APPEAL PROCESS

Background

- 1. The Community Trigger (CT) is a statutory process which allows members of the public to require Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) and where relevant, Registered Housing Providers (social landlords), to review their response to complaints of anti-social behaviour if the relevant threshold is met (as detailed below).
- 2. Community Triggers can be raised by victims or representatives of victims, and victims can be individuals or businesses.
- 3. To provide a consistent approach to the use of the CT, a Policy was agreed between all 10 Local Authorities (LAs) within Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland (LLR) and Leicestershire Police.

Threshold for Community Triggers

- 4. A request to activate a CT can be made if, within the last six months:
 - you (as an individual) have reported to the Council, Police or a Registered Housing Provider (social landlord) three separate incidents of anti-social behaviour within your area, or
 - you have been a victim of a hate incident,

And

- you believe that no effective action has been taken.
- 5. At the ASB Delivery Group in February 2021, it was highlighted that a review was required of the LLR CT Policy due to updates in the government guidance around the threshold for triggers. As a result, a partnership Task and Finish (T&F) Group was convened. As part of the review, the T&F Group noted that the previous policy did not detail an agreed appeals process and as such, this would need to be decided upon by the partnership.

Notable developments and challenges

6. Whilst reviewing the appeals process, the T&F Group found that in some neighbouring localities, CT appeals are managed by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). After consultation with our OPCC, it has been confirmed that this is not the intention for Leicestershire at present.

- 7. As such, the alternative recommendation from the T&F group is that appeals be managed by another partnership CSP chair, in order to be impartial.
- 8. Detailed below is an overview of the numbers of CTs received (in total) by the nine LA partners that manage CTs across LLR, along with the figure for any subsequent appeals.

In the last year:

- number of applications for ASB Case Reviews received: 26
- number of times the threshold for review was not met: 8
- number of anti-social behaviour case reviews carried out: 18

In the last 5 years:

• number of Community Trigger appeals requested: 5

Key issues for partnership working or affecting partners

- At present, there is not an agreed partnership appeals process, meaning appeals (and as such, victims) could be managed inconsistently across LLR. To prevent this, the following proposal is being brought to the Board for consideration.
- 10. In some LA areas, the CSP Chair is involved in the Community Trigger *review* process within their locality. As such, it would not be impartial for them to lead an *appeal* process for that same CT. As mentioned above, the alternative suggestion from the T&F Group is a peer review appeal process.
- 11. It is recommended that a list of the LLR CSPs be written up so that when appeals are received, the CSP that will manage it is taken from the list in the order they appear; in order to make it fair, impartial and swift. It is also recommended that this process be co-ordinated via the Community Safety Team at Leicestershire County Council, the only LA within LLR that does not handle CTs.
- 12. A key point to note, is that not all CTs will go through to appeal. In fact, as can be seen from the figures above, despite there having been 18 reviews carried out in the last *year*, in the last *five* years, there has only been a total of five appeals across LLR.
- 13. If agreed at LSCSB, the proposal will also be taken to the Safer Rutland and Safer Leicester Partnerships for approval.

Recommendations for the Board

14. That Board members agree to a peer CSP led Community Trigger Appeal process.

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Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board

Update on the work of the Violence Reduction Network (VRN) and the new Serious Violence Legal Duty

Friday 18th June 2021

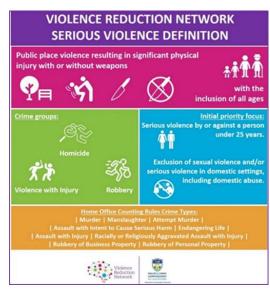
Purpose and Background

Purpose of this Presentation

- ❖ To provide the Board with an update on the work of the VRN partnership
- ❖ To provide an early briefing on the new Serious Violence legal duty due to come into force in 2021

<u>Background</u>

- ❖ The VRN was established in September 2019 following receipt of a Home Office grant. It has a prescribed core membership and is expected to provide leadership and the strategic co-ordination of the local response to serious violence (see definition)
- ❖ We apply a public health approach which includes a strong emphasis on use of multi-agency data, prevention through identifying and tackling the causes, community involvement, evidence-led and informed strategies and evaluation.
- ❖ It is governed through the sub-regional Violence Reduction Board and has a central team based at the OPCC
- This year's grant requirements have an increased emphasis on datadriven operations and closer working with the Police





Charnwood

56%

of offences occurred in the City



3 – 4pm peak time

16.7%

of offences were

assault with injury

11 62.9%

attendances at the LRI $(2019/20 \rightarrow 2020/21)$

decrease in violence-related

Sat - Sun peak days

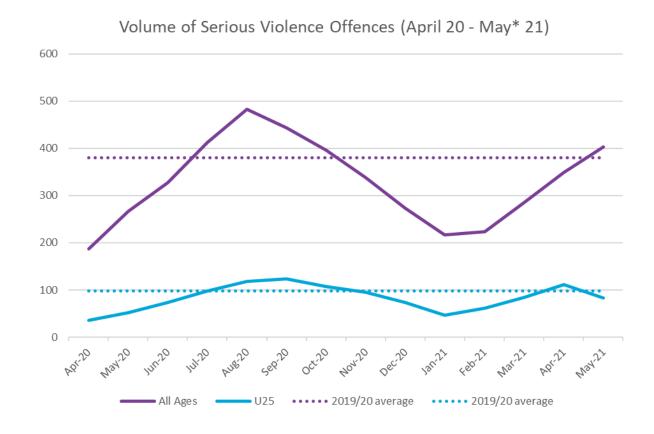
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15 – 19 year olds are most at risk of being involved in serious violence

Around 75% of offenders and victims of serious violence were

male O

66% of offences committed by under 25s were against under 25s



2021/22 VRN Response Strategy and Priorities









1. Leadership and Cultural Change

Aim: To secure system-change through investing in the leadership and cultural change necessary to prevent violence in the long-term.

2. Prevention

Aim: To prevent serious violence through developing responses that address it's causes, reduce known risk factors and strengthen protective factors.

3. Criminal Justice and Enforcement

Aim: To secure reductions in serious violence through evidence-informed criminal justice and enforcement responses.

4. Data Sharing, Evidence and Evaluation

Aim: To maximise our impact on serious violence through making the best use of multi-agency data, insights and evidence.

Leadership and Cultural Change



Data Sharing, Evidence Criminal Justice and **Enforcement** and Evaluation

Promotion of the VRN's public health approach and strategy

Parenting and Families Early help/troubled families support, evidence-informed

Multi-agency problem-solving and hot spot policing around identified priorities (e.g. knife crime, robberies, USGs)

Multi-agency data-set and dashboard with supporting information sharing in place

Place-based responses to serious violence with CSPs

Health Primary Care Networks, reachable moment services in

parenting programmes, children affected by parental imprisonment, self-help material for parents

> Multi-agency problem-solving forum for young people involved in violence

Injury Surveillance System

Organisational and sector responses to serious violence

healthcare settings, therapeutic support for childhood trauma, developing responses to neuro-developmental conditions/injury

Evidence-informed prevention tool-kit, violence prevention programmes (MVP), trauma-informed

schools, operational encompass extension, police school

liaison officers

Community panels, Leadership programme, community grants, community-outreach project, workforce development, MVP, faith sector responses, sports

sector responses, physical environment

Youth Work and Diversion

Address drug and alcohol relatedviolence including in the NTE

Cohort analysis and deep-dives to support local problem-solving

Education and Schools

in the CJS including police custody

Identify and pursue reachable moments

Case Review Framework

A LLR-wide trauma informed strategy and approach

Contextual safeguarding responses to

adolescence risk

Community

Multi-agency intelligence on substance

misuse to inform proactive responses

Gathering and cascading of latest research and evidence

Support the design of evidenceinformed interventions

Offender Management of violent offenders including IOM response

Young People and Community Insights

Tackling social norms that support violence through campaigns and programmes

> After-school and holiday provision, workforce development, out-of-court disposals, ETE interventions, information/education

Criminal and Civil enforcement activity including in relation to licensing and weapon access

Internal and External Evaluation

Empower and equip everyone to play their role through leadership and bystander work

Rehabilitative pathways, evidence informed

Insights work with victims of serious

Financial and cultural sustainability planning

violence

Performance Monitoring

Rehabilitation & Recovery

violence prevention interventions, restorative justice, early help for families, peer mentoring

Serious Violence Outcomes Framework - Communications Strategy

Data Sharing, Evidence and Evaluation: Data Work

Twin-track approach: focusing on what is achievable before the new duty comes into force whilst simultaneously supporting improvements in local multi-agency infrastructure and capability.

Priorities for 2021/22

Data Sharing

Implement an over-arching DSA

Strategic Understanding, Planning and Monitoring

- Extend and improve the datasets informing the SNA
- Include the above data in a multi-agency dashboard with quarterly updates
- > Share the dashboard on a platform which is accessible to professionals

Operational Activity

- Implement Injury Surveillance
- Improve the use and sharing of Police data to inform the identification and management of agreed cohorts

Challenges

- Receiving the data at regular intervals
- Sharing key demographics and partial postcodes
- Capacity for data owners to extract the data
- Breakdown at more granular level
- Data quality

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Data Types, Sources and Intended Purpose

Extent and Nature of Serious Violence

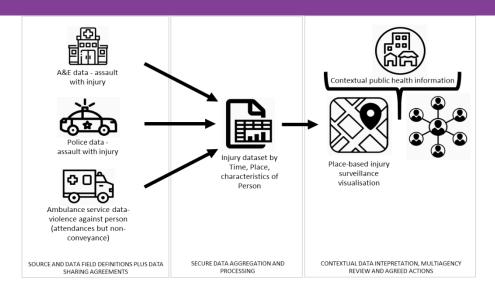
		Purpose		
Туре	Source	Strategic Assessment & Planning (SNA)	Monitoring and Performance	Operational Activity
Police Recorded Crime (national)	Office of National Statistics Crime Survey for England and Wales	~	~	
Police Recorded Incidents (local)	Leicestershire Police	•	✓	(Including injury surveillance)
County Lines, Organised Crime Gangs and Urban Street Gangs trends	Leicestershire Police	~		(already in use)
Child Criminal Exploitation trends	Leicestershire Police	✓		(already in use)
Hospital Episode Statistics (hospital in-patient admissions and A&E attendances)	NHS	✓		
Information Sharing to Tackle Violence (local A&E)	UHL (and other local A&E providers)	✓	✓	(injury surveillance)
Ambulance Call Out Data (for violence-related injury)	EMAS	✓	✓	(injury surveillance)

Data Types, Sources and Intended Purpose

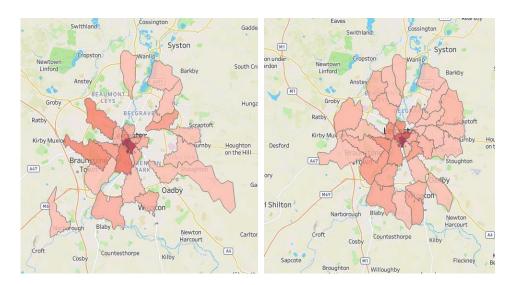
Local Vulnerability and Risk Factors

		Purpose		
Туре	Source	Strategic Assessment & Planning (SNA)	Monitoring and Performance	Operational Activity
Children in Care/Looked After	Department for Education LLR local authorities	✓	✓	
Missing Episodes	Leicestershire Police LLR local authorities	•	✓	(already in use)
Deprivation affecting children/young people	Department for Education	✓		
School Exclusions (national)	Department for Education	•	✓	
Education Data (local) – fixed and permanent exclusions, low unexplained attendance, dual registration PRU, SEMH	LLR local authorities	•	~	(through data accelerator project)
Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)	LLR local authorities	✓	~	
Substance Misuse (local) – treatment programmes	Commissioned services	~	~	
Youth Justice Involved Children	LLR Youth Justice Teams	✓		
Habitual Knife Carriers	Leicestershire Police	✓	✓	✓
Children in Custody	Leicestershire Police	✓	✓	

Injury Surveillance Update



Proof of Concept Phase Completed



Ambulance - Saturday 2000-0200

Police - Saturday 2000-0200

Next steps

- Work with data owners to improve the quality of the three data sets and ensure a regular stream of data
- Identify the most effective mapping software and secure permission to use
- Incorporate the data into an Injury Surveillance tab on the multiagency dashboard and agree static products
- Agreeing and mobilising the forum which will take on the role of the multi-agency review and tasking group to ensure the data informs action

Prevention: 2021/22 interventions

Primary Prevention: Preventing the Onset

Mentors in Violence Prevention



Secondary Prevention: Intervening Early to Prevent Escalation

Community Resolution & Prevention Project



Tertiary Prevention: Preventing Recurrence of Violence

Violence Intervention Project in A&E

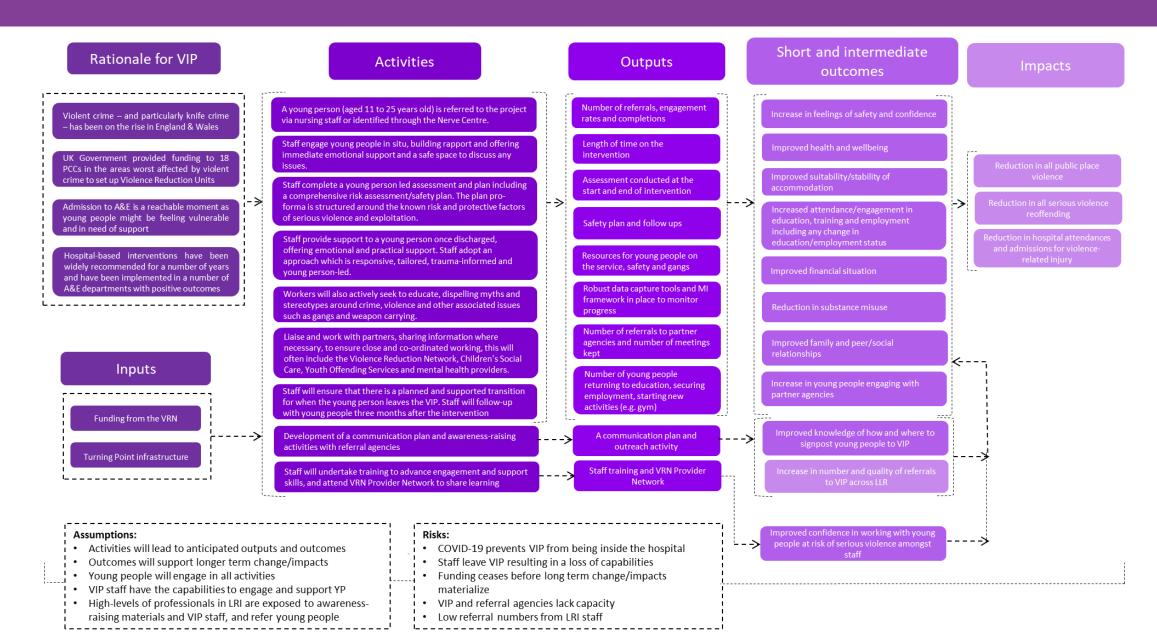


The UP (employment) Project



New for 2021/22:

- Community Outreach Project Outstanding Bids:
- REACH: Schools and Youth Work Project
- * REACH: Police Custody Project



Leadership and Cultural Change: Campaigns

Campaigns to reach young people and communities:

- Moves beyond educational to empowering young people (and adults) to play a role
- > Draws on active bystander theory
- Uses positive psychology, focusing on the majority and using peer influence to promote positive social norms
- Promoted via platforms and channels used by young people
- Flexible design so the material can be universal and targeted

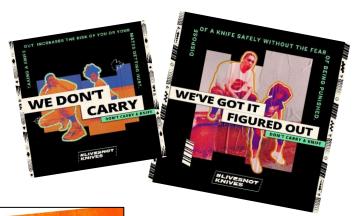
Three Campaigns:

- The 'Are you Listening?' CCE Film aimed at trusted adults. Over 1 million viewings and adopted by two other areas
- 2. Refreshed material for the Police's **Lives Not Knives** campaign (positive messaging with enforcement messaging secondary)
- 3. The flagship 'Make a Stand Against Violence' Campaign. Launched digitally in April 2021 and will run throughout this year in partnership with a range of organisations.

Resources Website

> Supporting material and signposting on a range of topics relating to adolescence safety for young people, parents/carers and professionals









Make a Stand Against Violence

Overview

- Positive behaviour change campaign, aimed at under 25's across LLR
- Co-created with over 40 young people and informed by a steering group of partners
- Aims to clearly teach the principles of the active bystander theory
- Talks to the audience in an authentic and relatable tone and is 'unbranded'
- Digitally focused it uses a range of techniques and assets to reach the audience

 Objectives: educate young people about SVC and the harm it causes, engender positive social norms, provide alternatives and help contribute

to a reduction in SVC





The Stats... so far!

Over 1million impressions on social content

Over 11,000 genuine clicks on social advertising

Over 2,000 unique visitors to the website

Over 20,000 views on YouTube

246,000 genuine impressions with the radio advert

At a 94% listen through rate









makeastand.co.uk

Leadership and Cultural Change: Community Leadership

Purpose:

To build a cohesive network of community leaders to support the work of the VRN and wider OPCC through the provision of a bespoke high quality community leadership programme.

Process:

- Procurement of a provider through a competitive process to design and deliver a 12 week programme to two cohorts. Broad content was specified including one-to-one coaching to support learning
- Recruitment of leaders was through a simple application process followed by informal interviews to discuss suitability, expectations and identify any support needs
- Additional support from the VRN's Lead for Community Partnerships throughout the programme

Progress Update:

- Deborah Jones (Jones Consultancy), a local provider, was awarded the contract
- 20 Leaders from across LLR secured a place in the first cohort and completed the programme in April 2021.
- The programme was delivered virtually in its entirety
- A virtual celebration event took place in April



Community Leadership Programme: Feedback

This was all new to me. I thought the speakers were great and the content really useful. I think a classroom environment would better the facilitation

The programme and the facilitators were great. I think it would have been even more greater doing it face to face but our friend Covid wouldn't allow that.

I think it would be great to see you involve us at strategic level. There was nothing missing everything I needed to learn about being a leader was covered during this course. The delivery of the course was brilliant

Deborah and her team were amazing in delivering the community leadership programme and I honestly don't have anything to add

I would love to see the group working together on a big project.

> I think it would be great to see you involve us at strategic level.

The modules were perfect for self development, the online academy top stuff, the vast amount of experience and expertise from each coach was outstanding and commendable.

The group should be encouraged to join panels making strategic decisions on issues in the community affecting young people and vulnerable people.

The networking is valuable I have learnt so very much from the fellow leaders.
Their support and overlapping is incredible.

Community Leadership Programme: Next Steps

Cohort One

- To continue to meet as a Community Leaders Network, supported by the VRN and OPCC
- Invest in continuous learning (allocation of a small budget from the VRN to support this)
- Co-design of the next programme, drawing on their feedback and recommendations
- ❖ Involvement in recruitment of the next cohort and elements of delivery
- Connect with relevant strategic Boards starting with membership of the VR Board (next item)
- Co-design a Mutual Mentoring scheme to strengthen connections and shared learning

Cohort Two

- In planning phase
- Likely to focus on a young adult cohort, again across LLR

Serious Violence Duty Update

- Due to come into force until 2022. 'Comprehensive statutory guidance' will be published to support organisations and authorities who are subject to the Duty.
- A definition of Serious Violence will not be provided but it is expected that local areas will have to include, as a minimum, those offences and drivers outlined in the SV Strategy 2018 (the VRN definition includes these).
- The following authorities will be subject to the SVD:
 - ✓ Police
 - ✓ Local authorities
 - ✓ Youth Offending Teams
 - ✓ Probation
 - ✓ Fire and Rescue
 - ✓ Health authorities
- Educational institutions and prison/youth custody settings will have a duty to co-operate.
- PCCs will have a role to support local partnerships with the development and implementation of strategies and with monitoring effectiveness.
- CSPs will have a statutory requirement to have SV as an explicit priority and develop and implement strategies (and keep them under review for the purposes of monitoring effectiveness)

Serious Violence Duty Update

The purpose mirrors the prescribed role of the VRN's core membership; adopting a whole system approach and working together to share data, intelligence and knowledge and formulate multi-agency plans.

Duty holders will have to:

- work together to establish the local problem profile/SNA (VRN Strategic Needs Assessment)
- develop and publish a local strategy (VRN Response Strategy) which will outline the collective action that they intend to undertake, including:
 - A summary of local problem
 - How the partnership will work together
 - Actions including specific interventions/preventative action
 - Engagement plans with voluntary and community organisations and young people
 - Identified funding streams and resources
- Government will not specify the 'partnership model' but will strongly encourage local areas to work with their VRUs
- there will an expectation around data sharing (aggregated and anonymised) to inform strategic and operational responses and so far reference has been made to health, police, education, probation and prison data.
- reference is made to duty holders needing to self-monitor performance and evaluate impact but there is also reference to performance monitoring by Government <u>and</u> inclusion in routine Inspections.

Thank you

Any Questions?

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LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD 18th JUNE 2021

LSCSB UPDATE: OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (OPCC)

Background

1. To provide the Board with an update on the work of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), specifically in relation to the Strategic Partnership Board (SPB), and any future developments.

Notable developments and challenges:

Current

New Police and Crime Commissioner

2. The OPCC welcomed Mr Rupert Matthews as the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) on the 13th May 2021. The coming weeks and months will be a period of transition and adjustment as Mr Matthews settles in and starts to tackle the challenges that lie ahead. The PCC is in the process of drafting the Police and Crime Plan for consultation with partners, stakeholders and the public before the final version is agreed and signed off.

Community Safety Partnerships

- 3. The Partnership Officer has amended the monitoring forms with the hope they will be easier for Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to complete in terms of tracking expenditure, activities and outcomes and how they link to priority objectives. These should now have been circulated to all the CSP Chairs and Managers and are to be completed on a quarterly basis, for the previous quarter and sent to the Partnership Officer, Saj Devshi sajan.devshi@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk
- 4. The monitoring forms for Q1 are now due.
- 5. Due to unforeseen circumstances, there has been a slight delay with the distribution of the 2021/22 contracts to CSPs. The PCC widely acknowledges

the commitment made by the CSPs in their support for contributing to the overall delivery of the Police and Crime Plan objectives.

Ex-offender Programme

6. Mandeep Kaur, the Senior Economic Regeneration Officer, attended the last CSP Chairs Network Meeting to provide an overview of the Ex-offender Programme and the five objectives that form part of the project. Cllr Kirk Master wrote to CSP chairs in April 2021 to summarise the key aims and highlight the commitment of the previous PCC. The letter and Fair Chance Recruitment charter are attached as appendices for information.

Safer Streets & VAWG

- 7. We were successful in securing £432,000 through Safer Streets 2 for our Town centres bid covering parts of Castle Donnington, Hinckley, Lutterworth and Melton. Demand against this fund was very high with only ¼ areas receiving funding for a second bid and tertiary bids not even being marked. Thanks to all for their hard work in pulling the bids together and we will be in touch shortly to arrange meetings to drive delivery forward.
- 8. Safer Streets 3 (VAWG) has now been formally launched. Given the above re. Safer Streets 2 we do not think it is worthwhile submitting more than one bid (also given bullet point below re. further bidding opportunity). We will be progressing a Parks bid more detail will be shared in due course and there is a bid forming meeting on 22nd June. Bid deadline is 15th July with the maximum bid amount being £550,000, no match funding required.
- 9. A further Night Time Economy (VAWG) bid opportunity will be launched at the end of June by the Home Office. We only have limited detail at this point but will share more as it is shared with us. We intend to shape and submit a bid with partners against this fund.

Youth Perception Survey

- 10. A youth perception survey has been developed in partnership with the police and VRN. CSPs were initially notified in February 2021 and invited to input suggestions for potential themes. Where possible these have been incorporated.
- 11. The aims of the survey are to gather the views and perceptions young people have around knife crime, safety, ASB and substance mis-use and it is aimed at young people aged 11-24. This is a pilot study and the first of its kind for the OPCC. The intention is that this will be an annual survey.

- 12. Feedback was sought from a number of young people and youth support agencies regarding language, content and survey length. Recommendations put forward were considered and the relevant adjustments made. The survey went live on 7th June '21 and will run for the whole of the summer.
- 13. Police colleagues will be pushing the survey out through schools as part of their outreach programmes. Links to the online survey will be distributed out via our partners, stakeholders and relevant youth community and support groups. Any support the CSPs can provide will be appreciated.

Strategic Partnership Board (SPB)

14. The purpose of the Board is to address harmful behaviours within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR).

SPB 2021 Schedule

15. The following timetable provides a proposed schedule of activity for SPB for the forthcoming months. This includes the period of transition to a new PCC as chair of the Board. The schedule is built around the remit of SPB to address harmful behaviours, particularly focussing on their causes:

Dates of meetings in 2021	SPB – main focus	SPB Exec – main focus
25 February	Childhood trauma: approach to prevention and mitigation	
22 March		Initial analysis of substance misuse
20 May	Introduction to new PCC, review and outline business case on work of SPB and sub- groups.	
24 May		Introduction to new PCC Step up to Great Mental Health Development Proposals for substance misuse
27 July		Initial analysis of Modern Slavery
19 August	Reviews of: Childhood trauma Substance misuse Mental Health	
24 September		Organised crime

		analysis
16 November		LLR approach to suicide
25 November	No theme identified at	
	this point	

Review and Priority Setting

- 16. The above schedule would complete the set of priorities that SPB initially identified as the priority harmful behaviours. The process of completing an indepth analysis of each harmful behaviour and subsequently developing an improvement plan with an emphasis on prevention has now become well established. The issue of childhood trauma has been added since the initial priorities were set. The purpose of carrying out a review at the May SPB meeting was to identify the new priorities for the Board. In order to prepare for this all Board members were consulted before the meeting in May.
- 17. Discussions at SPB centred around the presentation from Paul Hindson (Chief Executive, OPCC), which summarised the programme, Terms of Reference (ToR), broad themes, areas to be improved, what the partnership can build on, and next steps. This was taken to SPB Executive and a planning session on how to take the broad themes forward and turn them into a plan has been arranged.
- 18. Work to realign SOG and incorporate it into the wider work and governance of the SPB has been carried out. Paul Hindson presented a report outlining the revised Terms of Reference (ToR) at the last SOG meeting in May for approval. The board approved the report.

Coming Year

Community Leadership Programme

- 19. The first round of the programme has ended with 18 of the 20 delegates 'graduating' in April. A showcase event was held last month to celebrate the work and learning that has come out of attending the Leadership Programme. It was an opportunity for each participant to share their learning experiences and how they will apply this to current and future projects initiatives.
- A Leaders Network led by Ivan Liburd (VRN) will provide a platform for future collaboration opportunities and to continue to build on the work that has been started.

- 21. Work to develop cohort#2 which will be aimed at young people from the ages of 18-30 is underway. Leaders from the first cohort#1 will provide support with the recruitment and be very much involved in the whole process.
- 22. It is planned that applications to apply to take part in the next programme will open mid-June and run until 30th July'21. The programme will start early September'21.
- 23. Further details regarding recruitment will follow and CSPs will be encouraged to support in sharing it amongst their young people networks.

People Zones

- 24. £25k of funding has been committed to each People Zone (PZ) area for both 2021/22 and 2022/23, including scope for the development of a 4th People Zone area in the city. This will be allocated to the relevant CSP/SLP to drive forward and develop. Community involvement is key to ensure buy-in, build resilience and encourage communities to be less dependent on support services for long term sustainability.
- 25. The relevant CSP/SLP will produce a delivery plan outlining their proposals for developing the People Zones. These will become embedded into the overall CSP/SLP annual plans and be included on the quarterly monitoring forms.
- 26. Work to draft a delivery plan in each of the CSP/PZ areas is underway and initial progress is looking positive.

Recommendations for the Board

27. The Board are requested to note the contents of the report.

Officer to contact

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Fair Chance Recruitment Appendix 2 – Letter from Kirk Master



Fair Chance Recruitment Empowering Employment Charter

March 2021

Leicester City Council, the Police & Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire and the Department for Work & Pensions are committed to helping ex-offenders find meaningful employment.

We believe that employing ex-offenders can have huge benefits for both businesses and employees.

We will encourage businesses to:

- Ban the Box to ensure a policy of fair recruitment for ex-offenders.
- Become our charter champions and give their business perspective on their experiences when employing ex-offenders.

We will help by:

 Encouraging businesses to look at their recruitment practices and identify opportunities including local jobs, volunteering programmes and apprenticeships that are open to ex-offenders.

Businesses will also be able to:

- · Get involved with job fairs and interview days.
- · Provide advice and guidance to support employability skills.

We will also offer:

 A dedicated website page that will highlight jobs, training courses and volunteering opportunities that are open to ex-offenders.

This charter has been drawn up by Leicester City Council - Leicester Employment Hub, the Police & Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire, the Department for Work & Pensions, the National Probation Service, Leicestershire Cares, APM and New Futures Network.

Signed by:





City Council

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for Leicestershire



Supported by the following partners:







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Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Police Headquarters
St John's
Enderby
Leicestershire
LE19 2BX

Date: 8 April 2021

Dear CSP Chair

Over the past year the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner has been working with Leicester City Council and the Department for Work & Pensions to establish a partnership group, with the aim of supporting organisations in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) to employ ex-offenders into their workforce.

As part of the success of the partnership group we have held a number of recruitment and networking events which have resulted in ex-offenders gaining employment, as well as growing the group to involve partners including, Leicestershire Cares, Probation and New Futures Network. We have also established a website which we are developing to become a single online home for opportunities open to ex-offenders.

However, we recognise that there is still work to be done to support organisations to employ ex-offenders, and also to strengthen the pathways for ex-offenders to access training, work placements and employment opportunities. Gaining stable employment is an important step to moving away from a life of offending and people with a criminal record can offer a wide range of skills that are often overlooked by employers.

Reducing reoffending and supporting those individuals furtherest away from the labour market will have relevance to your local plans. We would like to work more closely with Community Safety Partnerships to drive this agenda forward.

I am therefore writing to request your support for the enclosed charter and to ask you to promote it to your partnership.

The charter includes:

- Ban the box Pledging to peruse the ban the box agenda to ensure a policy of fair recruitment for exoffenders
- Events Being involved in job fairs and interviews days to support with employability skills
- Online Portal Promoting the online portal which is being developed to highlight jobs, training and volunteering opportunities available to ex-offenders

You can find the charter **here** and more on our **online portal**.

It would be of great benefit we believe, that the theme of continuing to support ex-offenders into work or be work ready, has a strategic place within your local Community Safety Partnership plans.

If you have any questions or would like a discussion regarding the charter, please contact my office who will be able to set up a meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Kirk Master

Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner







Probation Service Unification

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The Transforming Rehabilitation Programme in 2014 divided Probation Services into two distinct providers with clear responsibilities:

National Probation Service (NPS)

- Manages High Risk & MAPPA cases in community and custody (30%)
- Delivers Interventions to males who commit sexual offences
- Advises Parole Board
- Advises Courts on sentencing/enforcement
- Manages residential Approved Premises
- Provides Victim Contact Service

Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC)

- Manages medium and low risk cases in community and custody (70%)
- Delivers Unpaid Work, Accredited and Structured interventions
- Delivers Resettlement Services in prisons
- Delivers Non-Structured Interventions, including ETE, Accommodation, Women's Services etc.

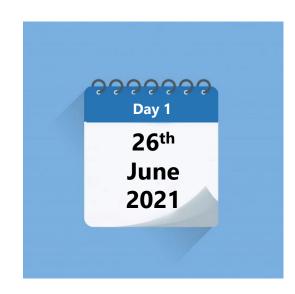
On 19th May 2019 a further Probation Reform was announced, this change involves:

- Moving to a Unified Model and creating a new organisation which brings responsibility for the management of all individuals subject to probation services into the new National Probation Service (NPS)
- A move from 7 Probation Divisions to 12 Probation Regions, the Midlands division has now split into the East and West Midlands Regions
- Ensuring our future model allows all potential providers of probation services, regardless of sector, to play their role in delivering probation services. The NPS will access services via the Dynamic Framework which is a platform that will host the Services on offer from successful bidders
- Modernising estates and technology
- Ensuring professional recognition of Probation staff

Timeframes

The implementation date for the Unified Model remains as 26th June 2021 and the focus will be ensuring that we are operationally ready for this date (currently referred to as Day 1). We will seek to further refine the model post Day 1.

The focus of current transition activity is to move all activity relating to the above areas into the new National Probation Service and develop the new delivery models Post Day 1, this approach is being referred to as 'lift and shift'.



What this means for your organisation

- There should be little or no impact upon operational delivery, you should experience a smooth transition to the new organisation.
- After June 26th there will be one unified National Probation Service to work in partnership with
- There may be less Probation professionals attending multi-agency meetings if only one agency representative is required
- Information Sharing Agreements (ISAs) and the processes within these will require updating
- Staff who were previously employed by CRCs will have new contact details i.e email addresses.
- If there is an office move in your local area, you will be informed of the new address.

Leicester, Leics & Rutland

- Each NPS Region is split into local Probation Delivery Units
- In some counties, there are more than one PDU
- LLR will remain one PDU, with one Head
- Geographical footprint will remain similar with office bases in:

Leicester (Cobden St & Mansfield Hse Pol Station)

Loughborough

Coalville

Melton

Oakham, Hinckley & Mkt Harborough (reporting centres)

The Challenges

- Significant organisational restructure:
- Differing operating models
- Differing staffing structures
- Separate buildings
- Different IT applications and hardware
- Aligning corporate services
- Taking up much organisation time and energy
- Significant workload/staffing resources issues
- 10% of Probation Budget dedicated to Commissioned Rehabilitative Service e.g. ETE, Accom, Women's Services
- Legacy issues, e.g Serious Case Reviews, Litigation etc.

The Opportunities

- Probation Service is one organisation again
- Greater clarity and uniformity to the Probation approach
- Combined senior and middle management resource should allow greater local engagement at a strategic and tactical level
- Co-commissioning opportunities
- Significant increase in staff numbers over next 2 years







Any Questions?

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LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

18thJUNE 2021

SAFER COMMUNITIES PERFORMANCE 2020/21 Q4

Introduction

- The purpose of this report is to update the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board (LSCSB) regarding Safer Communities performance for 2020/21 Q4.
- 2. The Safer Communities dashboard is now available as an interactive online dashboard, the Q4 link is below (Pls note: the links are version specific).
 - https://public.tableau.com/views/LSCBSaferDashboard/LeicsSaferDashboard?:language=en-GB&:display_count=y&publish=yes&:origin=viz_share_link
 - Dashboard development is ongoing with new key performance indicators (KPI's) being introduced. The underpinning data can be viewed by hovering the cursor over relevant points in the performance graphs.
- 3. The dashboard includes a rolling 12 months comparison with the direction of travel for that indicator. The bar charts give a district breakdown and where available the regional average is also shown.
- 4. The online performance portal gives ready access to data under each category. The dataset is becoming increasingly complex which makes routine reporting across all performance areas impractical and unnecessary. This report will therefore give a brief position statement under each performance category with exception reporting as required.
- 5. Some caveats,
 - (a) Some performance datasets remain unchanged since the last report due to data collation timeframes.
 - (b) The reporting period covers Q4 up to the end of March 2021 and will therefore include some Covid-19 effects. Any year on year comparisons will therefore be problematic.
 - (c) It should be noted that some datasets are not necessarily standalone particularly if common elements feature within their classification. For example, cases making up the 'violence with injury' dataset may also be collated within 'domestic abuse with injury' rates and indeed may feature by definition within repeat MARAC data.

Report Summary

- 6. There are several notable changes for Q4 2020/21 compared to Q1-3 some may in part at least be due to the current pandemic.
 - (a) Following the trend reported previously overall crime has decreased in most areas except for violence with injury which is showing an increasing trend over the last 7 quarters.
 - (b) Linked to the above, domestic crime and incident reports have remained stable except for domestic violence with injury which has increased.
 - (c) ASB data is complex and collated from various sources and in different ways. Detailed below is a 'Countywide' performance summary. Local data may differ and is available on the web portal.
 - i. ASB reported to the Police had shown an increase during the first two quarters of 2020/21, this has returned to normal levels in guarter 3 and 4.
 - ii. 'Sentinel' case managed ASB has seen an overall downward trend although some localities have seen a notable increase.
 - iii. Insight survey results in Q4 show a return to normal levels for respondents agreeing 'ASB has decreased or stayed the same' but the percentage of respondents 'feeling safe outside after dark' continues to remain lower than previous years.

Ongoing Reductions in Crime

- 7. Performance in each crime performance area for Q4 is summarised below:
 - The residential burglary rate continues its downward trend with the current rate at 2.3 offences per 1,000 compared to 3.9 the previous year. District breakdowns are available on the performance dashboard.
 - Burglary Business & community offences have also continued to decrease with the current rate at 0.9 offences per 1000 population compared to the previous year 1.8.
 - Violence with injury offences have continued to rise over the last seven quarters to 6.9 offences per 1000 population. Leicestershire is performing better than the Regional average of 8.4 offences per 1000 population.
 - Vehicle offences have continued to reduce over the last six quarters to 4.6 offences per 1000 population which is similar to the regional average of 4.5 offences per 1000 population.
 - Overall Crime is continuing its downward trend during the Covid19 lockdown period.

Reducing Offending and Re-offending

 Due to data collation timeframes the latest figures available from the YOS service are for Q3 April – December 2020. In summary we are starting to see the first signs of the previously excellent reductions in reoffending levelling off.

First Time Entrants to the Criminal Justice System

(a) The rate of first-time entrants (FTE's) entering the criminal justice system (CJS) aged 10-17 is stabilising; The 2019/20 figures have been added since the last report showing a small upward trend.

FTE totals for Leicestershire only were,190 in 2014/15

124 in 2015/16

126 in 2016/17

101 in 2017/18

100 in 2018/19

111 in 2019/20

The current year to date value to December 2020 is 63 which is on track to be lower than the 2019/20 end of year results.

Reoffending by Young Offenders

- (b) The rate of re-offending by young offenders likewise is showing early signs of levelling. To add context this stabilisation follows a sustained and lengthy positive downward trend. The April 2019 to March 2020 re-offending rate by young offenders was 0.76 offences per thousand population, an improvement on the previous year's rate of 1.37. The current year to date value stands at 0.46 offences per thousand.
- 9. As previously reported, introduced in Q4 2019/20 was a new indicator added to the dashboard "Education, Training and Employment (ETE) of Young Offenders. This indicator measures the proportion of young people on relevant youth justice disposals who are actively engaged in suitable education, training and employment (ETE) when the disposal closes. Active engagement is defined as 25 or more hours for young people of school age and 16 or more hours for those above statutory school age. The Youth Offending performance figure for young offenders actively engaging in education, training, or employment (ETE) is 63.3% for the YTD period March to December 2020. This is slightly lower than the end of year figure 2018/19 of 59%.

Repeat Victimisation and Vulnerable Victims

10. The MARAC repeat referral rate sits at 49%, this is as previously reported above the 'SafeLives' recommended upper threshold of 40%. MARAC repeat referrals following a steady rise have stabilised around 50% over the last three quarters. A change in criteria for referral has been identified as responsible for this value being higher than the aforementioned threshold. Previously any violence or threat of violence triggered a repeat referral, this criterion has been superseded by repeat referrals now being triggered by 'any further contact'.

- 11. UAVA referrals for the financial year (1709) are lower than the previous year (1829). UAVA referrals for quarter 4 2020/21 during the third lockdown are slightly higher than the previous quarter.
- 12. Several additional indicators have been added to the online performance dashboard to supplement the MARAC repeat referral data and UAVA referral numbers already reported upon. These include domestic crime and incident rates, domestic violence with injury rates, sexual offence rates and hospital admissions for violence.

The new KPI's focus on providing a broader understanding of performance across domestic and sexual abuse. All 'new' indicators have remained stable except domestic violence with injury which has been steadily rising over the last financial year and a larger increase during quarter1 to quarter 3 2020/21. This mirrors the increases seen in the 'violence with injury' crime data, of which it is a data subset.

13. New data has been released by Public Health England for Hospital admissions for violence. The rate for Leicestershire is 23.4 per 100,000 population for the two year period April 2018-March 2020. This is statistically similar to previous period and much better than the England average of 45.8 and regional average of 37.1.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Satisfaction

- 14. ASB performance data is derived from a number of sources; there are two broad categories, subjective survey data and objective data in the form of incident reports.
 - (a) Survey Data there are two questions in the Community Based Survey (CBS) relevant to ASB Satisfaction.
 - i. "the % who feel safe outside in their local area after dark". showed a significant reduction in quarter1 when compared to the same quarter last year. Analysts have speculated the significant drop in 'feeling safe' may be linked to Covid19. There has been a slight increase in positive responses in Quarter 2,3 and 4 however levels are still lower when compared to the previous year.
 - ii. "% of people that agree ASB has decreased or stayed the same" this showed a slight decrease in Q1 and Q2 2020/21 but has returned to more normal levels in Q3 and Q4.
 - (b) ASB Incident Data the online portal has a detailed breakdown, in summary there are now two sources as detailed below;
 - i. Police Data; this covers ASB incidents gleaned from the police call management system, this is shown as 'Total ASB (rate per thousand population)' this is further broken down utilising the 'PEN' code and ASB is categorised as either 'Personal' 'Environmental' or 'Nuisance'. This dataset is obtained when police call handlers deem a call is ASB and code the call

- accordingly. There is as such a caveat that calls are correctly identified as ASB and categorised appropriately.
- ii. ASB recorded on Sentinel (the partnership ASB case management system). This dataset contains all case managed reports of ASB recorded on the system by both Police and Local Authority partners.
- 15. The two data sources are not distinct and there will inevitably be some duplication, for example not all reports of ASB will be case managed and find their way onto Sentinel, likewise reports made directly to local authorities will obviously not feature on the police call handling system.
- 16. To summarise the general trends in ASB incident reporting:
 - (a) In relation to Police data:
 - i. There was a peak in Environmental ASB in Quarter 1 during the first covid lockdown period. Levels returned to normal in Q2, Q3 and Q4 which was helped by the re-opening of waste management sites. The rolling twelve-month figure is similar to the previous 12 months.
 - ii. There was a significant peak in Nuisance ASB in April 2020. Levels remained high during the summer months reducing again in September 2020 and remaining fairly low during the winter months.
 - (b) In relation to 'Sentinel' Case managed data... the incidents managed on the system have continued to decrease over the last four quarters, from an average 21.9 offences per thousand to 18.5 per thousand. This is however a general trend over time and some localities have seen a recent rise in cases, local figures are available on the web portal.

Preventing terrorism and radicalisation

- 17. The number of hate crimes reported to the police remains very low and is currently 1.4 offences per 1000 population. This is however higher than the previous year (0.93). The increasing albeit very slow upward trend has continued over the last year.
- 18. As a breakdown, 61% of all reported hate crimes were racial in nature, 19% were classified as sexual orientation, 10% were classified as disability, 4% were classified as religious and 6% were transgender related.
- 19. Racially or religiously aggravated crime is very low with 0.6 crimes per 1,000 population across Leicestershire. Although numbers are still very low there have been increases over the last 3 quarters.
- 20. A question from the Leicestershire Insight Survey asks residents how much they agree that people from different backgrounds get on well. Latest figures show 93.1% of respondents agreed that people in their area get on well together. This

is lower than the previous year's response (95.6%). Individual quarter results for this question are usually around 95%. During the covid 19 period quarter 3 (September to December 2020) responses fell to 88%.

Recommendations

21. The Board note the 2020/21 Q4 performance information.

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<u>Appendices</u>

The Safer Communities Performance Dashboard is 'Online', the Q4 data is available via the link below.

https://public.tableau.com/views/LSCBSaferDashboard/LeicsSaferDashboard?:language=en-GB&:display_count=y&publish=yes&:origin=viz_share_link



Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board

Glen Parva Prison Project Update

Raj Singh and Nick Dann

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Progress to date:





Workshop structure

Entrance Building



Brick Cladding

The Houseblocks





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Breaking News...



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The new prison at Glen Parva project newsletter – May 2021



Project Director's Update

Welcome to our May edition of the Glen Parva Newsletter.

I am pleased to report that we continue to make significant progress with construction works on site and the buildings are now coming out of the ground.

The piling works as well as the earth works are now completed with the last piling rig now disassembled, it left site on Monday 26 April (picture below).



Works on site are now mainly focused on the superstructure (precast walls, steelworks structure) and brickwork /cladding which in turn is changing the project dynamics and adding some colour to the brown landscape (picture below). This will lead to an increased number of suppliers and partners coming to site which I am hoping leads to additional opportunities for employment and spending in the local area.



We continue to strive to ensure we are being good neighbours and minimising disruption to you whether its traffic, dust or noise. The recent dry spell has resulted in the focus being on dust control on site which requires additional mitigation measures that are currently being put in place, i.e. water bowsers and dust suppression. I apologise for any inconvenience and assure you that being a considerate contractor is our highest priority.

We are currently having the main site office accommodation assembled so we will all be under one roof together working on the project. This is planned for occupation at the end of June. As soon as we move into our new site office I am very keen start to plan some site visits for the local community to come and see our progress first hand and also provide an opportunity to ask us any questions about the project.

I would like to remind you that you can email us at GlenParva@lendlease.com if you have any questions or queries and I look forward to hosting a visit in the near future,

Kind Regards, Steve

Parva site.

Want to work on site?

If you wish to register your interest to work on the construction of the project, please contact Benjamin Malpass at the Jobcentre Plus by emailing: Benjamin.Malpass@dwp.gov.uk

The Jobcentre Plus office will send you an Expression of Interest form to complete and return. This will enable the Jobcentre Plus team to keep you updated about employment and training opportunities on the Glen

Sustainability Update

Site logistics specialist Wilson James has added the first electric vehicle to its permanent site fleet.

Wilson James has added the first 100% electric vehicle to its fleet, operating out of the Glen Parva construction site. By making use of the (EV) charging points provided on site, they'll be driving with zero emissions from now on, thanks to the renewable energy tariff that has been procured for this site.

As one of Lendlease's champions of sustainability in the supply chain, this investment in clean equipment is the latest in several upgrades by Wilson James to their fleet. They are also using Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil (HVO) fuel in their forklift truck, helping to further reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions.







Registered site



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Sustainability Update

KEY BENEFITS OF USING Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil (HVO) Lower Nitrogen Oxides (Nox)

Nitrogen Oxides are poisonous gases created by the combustion of Nitrogen and Oxygen under high pressures and temperatures. It is made up of Nitric Oxide and a small percentage of the more poisonous Nitrogen Dioxide NOx levels are reduced by up to 30%



Lower Particulates

Particulate, PM25 & PM10, are lowered by over 86%

Lower CO, levels

Over 90% less greenhouse gases (CO₂e) and emissions, reducing our carbon footprint significantly.

Community Benefits Progress

From our updated charts below you will see we have continued to make some great progress with our commitments. We have created 91 new jobs and have provided over 1200 days of work placements to people facing challenges to employment, this includes the delivery of pre employment training programmes on site as part of the Lendlease Academy (first programme pictured below). We are working with Jobcentre Plus, Blaby District Council and other partners to identify opportunities through the government's new Kickstart programme and we are hoping to promote some opportunities this month.

We have continued to make some significant progress with Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Spend with the spend figure totalling £315,437 at the end of March. Our mechanical and electrical contractor Crown House Technologies are planning a virtual meet the buyers event for local businesses. This means that they are able to promote any contract opportunities with Crown House or their supply chain to local businesses in Leicestershire area. We are working with the Leicestershire Local Enterprise Partnership and Federation of Small Businesses and the local authorities to plan this.

Our local spend (within 50 miles of the site) in the area has continued to increase and we have achieved 41% of our target of £71,500,000 in just seven months of starting construction works on site. Our priority over the next six months will be to identify opportunities for apprenticeships through our supply chain partners.

Our Social Value Manager is also arranging some school visits as soon as we can safely accommodate them so that young people can see first hand the careers available in the Construction Industry. We are also working with Speakers for Schools to run a virtual insights day for young people across the East Midlands.



Candidates from the Lendlease and RMF Prison Academy.







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Salvation Army Visit

A small number of the Lendlease team met with the Salvation Army Team at the community Centre, Café and conference centre on Saffron Road. We supported the centre by purchasing some lovely coffee and cakes at lunchtime from the café. We were lucky that it was a nice day and we could sit outside, 2 metres apart with our face masks on and learn about the facilities and services provided by the centre. It has been great to meet and support some of the local organisations and identify joint working opportunities. It was great to meet the chaplains on site on the 5th May to arrange a more frequent presence on site for our team members.



Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Update

The MoJ will be consulting the local community for ideas on the name of the new prison later this year. Watch this space for further details.





The above photographs taken this month show progress on site to date, the image on the left shows the office accommodation being installed and the second image is an aerial image shows the progress on the house blocks.

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