

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

11 DECEMBER 2020

LSCSB UPDATE: OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Background

1. To provide the Board with an update on the work of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and any future developments.

Notable developments and challenges:

Past Year

Strategic Partnership Board (SPB)

2. The purpose of the Board is to address harmful behaviours within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR). Priority behaviours have been identified and multiagency plans have been produced to tackle and work towards reducing the behaviours in the long term; *missing from home, Night Time Economy, Child Criminal Exploitation and GRT*. Work continues in the background through the sub-groups that sit beneath the Executive Board.
3. The recent SPB on the 10th November 2020 was a specially extended session with guest speakers; Dr Warren Larkin, a clinical psychologist, and Iris Lightfoote, CEO for The Race and Equality Centre. The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) extended the invite to SPB Exec members to attend. The session was an opportunity to pause and reflect on progress to date, explore and reconfirm the approach the partnership will adopt going forward.
4. Dr Warren Larkin delivered a presentation that touched on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and the need for long term investment (20+ years) focussing on intervention and prevention. The presentation sparked some interesting discussions, and the contributions from board members were positive and constructive. It was widely acknowledged that there is a lot of fantastic work already going on across LLR and that a mapping exercise would be hugely beneficial, not least to avoid duplication. Discussions are continuing in the background to take this forward.
5. Other areas requiring further exploration and development are: Data Management and Incorporating Diversity.

CSPs / Partnerships

6. The latest Data Performance Packs for Quarter 2 have been sent to all Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs). A review meeting was held on 18th November to gain feedback regarding the usefulness of the data. It was also be an opportunity for CSPs to raise any issues and put forward suggestions to improve the quality/level of data provided. Comments and feedback was constructive and valid, including the need for some greater context provided around the data.
7. The OPCC remain committed to ensuring that CSPs have access to quality data; looking for solutions to allow access to the dashboards whilst complying with the Leicestershire Police information security arrangements. Further development updates will be provided in due course.
8. In the meantime the Performance Team will be providing a more detailed breakdown of the DA data for Quarter 3 (end January 2021), to enable CSPs to see the number within the number. This should help to CSPs to be able to give a more targeted approach to tackling DA.

Community Safety Survey:

9. The joint survey between the CSPs, OPCC and VRN closed on 31st October. In total, 3643 responses were received from across LLR. The following table presents the total number of completed responses for each CSP area:

District/County	Number of responses
Charnwood	786
Hinckley & Bosworth	472
Leicester City	418
Harborough	416
Blaby	299
Rutland	284
North West Leicestershire	232
Melton	175

Oadby & Wigston	153
No response	408
Total	3643

10. Dr Stevie-Jade Hardy, Evidence and Evaluation Lead, Violence Reduction Network will be analysing the results over the coming weeks and produce a report for each CSP, which will be ready towards the end of December 2020.

DA Perpetrator Programme

11. The Home Office have recently confirmed that the bid for the Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme has been successful. Simon Down, Head of Commissioning & Strategy, has contacted each CSP to confirm their funding commitments with a couple still waiting for final sign off.
12. Further contact should have been made to pull together an initial project board meeting to begin to collaboratively take this forward.
13. At the time of writing this report, the Home Office have asked us to hold back from any public announcements until such time as they are ready to make a national announcement on this themselves. This is assumed to be down to Covid though nothing has been confirmed nor an expected date given for announcing. It is hoped that an announcement can be made within the next week or so and Simon Down will be in touch regarding a joint press release. In the meantime if CSPs could advise of the best comms link in their organisation in readiness.

Community Leadership Programme

14. This Community Leadership Programme has been developed through the PCCs office and is jointly funded through the OPCC and VRN. The programme is designed to develop and provide the necessary skills and tools to enable participants to become effective leaders; giving them the confidence to influence those around them, drive change and build resilient, sustainable communities.
- a. Applications to attend the programme were invited from across all communities within LLR. 34 applications were received and following informal 'interviews' with each candidate, 20 have been shortlisted.
 - b. The course is expected to start early December 2020.

Female Offender Strategy Event – 4th November

15. A virtual conference, organised by the OPCC and HMP & Probation Service, bringing together key partners to discuss strategies for embedding the UK government's female offender strategy in the Leicestershire Police force area. The event looked at the bigger picture around female offending, its causes and the impact it has on society. Specific attention was given around the role of trauma and adverse childhood experiences in shaping the behaviour of female offenders.
16. The aim of the event was to encourage all participants to work in partnership to improve and create sustainable outcomes for female offenders – supporting their journey from custody to community. It was a brilliantly put together event with some inspiring speakers including those with lived experiences.

Coming Year

Senior Officer Group (SOG) and Community Safety Partnership (CSPs) Development Proposals.

17. A proposal to link SOG and better integrate the work of the CSPs more effectively with the work of the SPB has been developed by Paul Hindson and presented at the SPB Exec meeting on 24th November 2020. A further proposal which looks at improving the data available to CSPs to better inform their work was also presented to the Board for approval. Further updates will be provided in due course.

Recommendations for the Board

18. The Board is requested to note the contents of the report.

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