



**Safer and Stronger Communities  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Date** Tuesday 22 September 2020

**Time** 9.30 am

**Venue** Remote Meeting - held remotely via Microsoft Teams

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**Business**

**Part A**

**Items which are open to the Public and Press  
Members of the public can ask questions with the Chair's agreement,  
and if registered to speak.**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Substitute Members
3. Minutes of the meeting held 17 February 2020 (Pages 3 - 14)
4. Declarations of Interest, if any
5. Any items from Co-opted Members or Interested Parties
6. Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence: (Pages 15 - 24)
  - (i) Report of the Corporate Director of Resources.
  - (ii) Report of the Chair of the Safe Durham Partnership Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Group.
7. Safe Durham Partnership Board - Impact of COVID 19: (Pages 25 - 70)
  - (i) Report of the Corporate Director of Resources.
  - (ii) Presentation by Keith Wanley, Chair of the Safe Durham Partnership.

8. Refresh of the Work Programme 2020/21 for the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee: (Pages 71 - 84)  
Report of the Corporate Director of Resources.
9. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

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14 September 2020

To: **The Members of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Councillor D Boyes (Chair)  
Councillor H Liddle (Vice-Chair)

Councillors B Avery, A Bainbridge, A Batey, J Charlton, R Crute, S Durham, D Hall, C Hampson, G Huntington, S Iveson, B Kellett, L Kennedy, J Maitland, E Mavin, J Stephenson, D Stoker, K Thompson, J Turnbull and C Wilson

**Co-opted Members:** Mr D Balls and Mr A J Cooke

**Co-opted Employees/Officers:** Chief Fire Officer S Errington and Chief Superintendent A Green

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## DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

### SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of **Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Monday 17 February 2020 at 9.30 am**

**Present:**

**Councillor D Boyes (Chair)**

**Members of the Committee:**

Councillors B Avery, A Bainbridge, A Batey, J Charlton, R Crute, C Hampson, S Iveson, H Liddle, D Stoker and J Turnbull

**Co-opted Members:**

Mr A J Cooke

**Co-opted Employees/Officers:**

Chief Fire Officer S Errington

**Also Present:**

Councillors P Crathorne, L Hovvels, P Jopling, M Simmons, O Temple and M Wilkes

#### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Huntington, B Kellett, J Maitland, E Mavin, J Stephenson, K Thompson and Mr Balls.

#### **2 Substitute Members**

There were no substitutes.

#### **3 Minutes of the Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2020 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

In relation to item 7 the Overview and Scrutiny Officer informed the Committee that a response containing the views of the committee had been sent to the Chief Fire Officer regarding the County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) Three Year consultation.

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer noted that a response containing the views of the committee had also been sent to Strategic Manager – Partnerships regarding the Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2020-25.

#### **4 Declarations of Interest, if any**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **5 Any items from Co-opted Members or Interested Parties**

There were no items from Co-opted Members or Interested Parties.

#### **6 Media Relations**

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer referred members to the recent prominent articles and news stories relating to the remit of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Articles included “Fine for unlicensed scrap metal dealer” DCC website 6 February 2020 that related to a scrap metal dealer who was prosecuted and fined for not having a licence to trade in the material during an operation to crack down on unlicensed dealers. This related to item 9 on the Committee’s agenda that would be presented by the Consumer Protection Manager.

The second article was “Illegal tobacco – appeal to public to help stop kids smoking”, Northern Echo 21 January 2020. The article related to the Keep it Out campaign aimed at people in County Durham being encouraged to help stop local children from smoking by reporting the sale of illegal tobacco by dishonest shops or through private homes or ‘tab houses’ to the Police, Trading Standards or HMRC. This also related to item 9 on the Committee’s agenda.

Councillor Boyes was concerned that the scrap dealer mentioned in the media article that had been caught recently had been operating without a license for over two years. He thought these types of licenses were operated and monitored in the same way as taxi licenses.

Councillor Crathorne stated that she was unclear as to what the scrap metal licenses looked like so would not be able to tell whether a scrap metal dealer had a valid license or not.

Councillor Boyes was unsure how scrap metal licenses were displayed unlike taxi badges which were displayed in the vehicle.

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer agreed to circulate information to members.

## **7 Drug and Alcohol Recovery Service Update**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Public Health, Adult and Health Services that provided Members with an update on the County Durham Drug and Alcohol Service (DARS) delivery.

The Chair introduced the Public Health Strategic Manager who was in attendance to give an update on DARS and share progress made to date since the last report that was presented in January 2019. The Public Health Strategic Manager informed the committee that the new contract that commenced in September 2017 had embedded well. Members were informed that in the last 18 months the DARS had established many new pathways that had transitioned more outreach workers to provide a more accessible, fully mobilised service.

The Public Health Strategic Manager notified the committee that the performance of DARS was reviewed on a quarterly basis by the Drug and Alcohol Strategy Group that reported to the Safer Durham Partnership. She explained that the service had formed pathways with Humankind that worked alongside Spectrum Community Health Community Interest Company (CIC) to deliver services.

As part of the new contract, the Public Health Strategic Manager explained that they had decommissioned three recovery centres but had kept three centres located at Whinney Hill, Consett and Stanley. The remodelled service included outreach provision to clients in the community rather than clients coming to them and the service was built around the family and young children. She added that a Health Needs Assessment (HNA) had also been carried out to look at the further needs of long-term opiate users.

The Public Health Strategic Manager noted that an inspection had been carried out by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in 2018 that had ranked the service 'as requiring improvement'. Members noted that at the time of the inspection, the service was only four months into the new contract and still in the infancy stage. Members were informed that an action plan had been implemented and the next inspection was expected in March 2020.

The Public Health Strategic Manager informed the Committee that there were 3,035 clients by the end of quarter two and the number of successful completions was stable with several clients getting into recovery leading fulfilling lives. In addition, there were now 40 outreach workers across the County and clinical intervention covered areas that had no provision in the past.

The Public Health Strategic Manager advised the Committee that there had been pathways established with the Criminal Justice Network, prison service, the police and children and family services through the Youth Justice Service and had created better integration and partnership working. Members were advised that there were 121 clients being supported through the Criminal Justice Team which was a huge increase from the previous 35. In addition, 311 children and families had access to the service through the multi-agency safeguarding hub (MASH).

The Public Health Strategic Manager supported the significant developments within hospital settings in both the Lanchester and North Durham hospitals with recovery workers gaining access to hepatology, maternity services and paediatric wards with 100 new referrals made to the drug and alcohol team. In addition, there had been developments within the Primary Care Trust with the increase in prescriptions for gabapentin and in GPs offering flu vaccinations for clients with respiratory diseases and long-term conditions.

The Public Health Strategic Manager explained that a new Housing Solutions Outreach Worker had been employed to engage with people who were sleeping rough in Durham City that had led to them liaising with Housing Solutions for help. She noted that a harm reduction death group had been established to aim to prevent and reduce the number of deaths from substance misuse. Naloxone kits had been rolled out to vulnerable services to include families, carers and custody suites to counteract the effects of drugs when people overdosed. She added that a programme had been recognised for pharmacies to also give them out.

Councillor Charlton asked if there was capacity within the budget if the service engaged with more and more clients.

The Public Health Strategic Manager responded that the new model of working had enabled better provisions for the service to engage with service users but it had not brought in many more extra clients. She added that although the budget remained the same for this year and next, it was unclear how it would be funded in the future.

Councillor Bainbridge asked if the Outreach Worker was focused on working with rough sleepers in the Durham City area.

The Public Health Strategic Manager informed the Committee that the Outreach Worker was part of a bigger programme regarding rough sleepers that involved Housing Solutions that had success in getting people into homes. She added that the service had received funding from housing providers and the Outreach Worker reacted to specific work in Durham City but the programme looked at County Durham as a whole. She highlighted that the service also looked at people at risk of homelessness and not just those known to be rough sleeping so issues were picked up earlier and potentially referred to the Drug and Alcohol team if needed.

Councillor Boyes enquired as to what work was carried out with people in or coming out of prison who had drug and alcohol issues.

The Public Health Strategic Manager notified the Committee that Humankind had won the contract with prisons across the region to carry out work with people with drug and alcohol issues within the prison system.

The Service Manager, Humankind stated that Humankind and Spectrum Community Health CIC were integrated to interface better with people in and out of prison so that treatment was seamless and there were no gaps.

The Public Health Strategic Manager noted that the prison outreach worker worked with the health worker to ensure there were strong links into the prison.

Councillor Turnbull was disappointed that due to GDPR a Councillor could not find out the progress or outcomes of a person who they had referred to housing. He noted good work undertaken by the Drug and Alcohol Recovery Service but was concerned at the number of needles and drug paraphernalia that was dumped in villages. Cllr Turnbull asked how this could be prevented.

The Service Manager, Humankind responded that if the problem areas were reported, the service could respond by examining how things could be done differently like adding additional bins or needle exchange sites. He added that through partnership working, education could also be provided to users in those areas to the dangers of dumping needles. He noted that this multi-pronged approach would take time but could be achieved.

Councillor Boyes requested some form of update to be given to Councillors on people who were rough sleepers that were helped by Councillors.

The Public Health Strategic Manager stated that an update for Councillors may be difficult due to GDPR as they did not set regulations on this area. She agreed to forward concerns raised by Members to the services involved and explore if options were available within regulations to provide feedback to Councillors.

Councillor Temple praised the good work that had been covered in the report and said that the North East had some of the highest rates of deaths from drug misuse in the country which were roughly double the national average. He asked when we would see improvements in this area and were there any national initiatives that we could learn from. He was aware that things were done differently in other parts of the country and knew that poverty played a part in the amount of drug and alcohol misuse. He noted that Ron Hogg, former Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner was a great believer in changing behaviour and policing towards drug users and asked if there would be any safe spaces created for people to inject.

The Public Health Strategic Manager stressed that the rates of deaths related to inequalities in the North East and County Durham. She noted that there were positive engagement rates with Naloxone being rolled out that counteracted the effects of drugs in the case of overdose. In addition, it was highlighted that work had been carried out around safer consumption as part of the Health Needs Assessment but would cost over £1million to undertake. She emphasised that the new model of working had been effective with safer consumption.

Councillor Temple requested further information to when the number of completion rates would reflect the decrease in deaths. The Public Health Strategic Manager could not give an exact date as there were a lot of factors that would have to be considered. Councillor Boyes stated that this could be followed up at a future Committee meeting.

Councillor Crathorne commented on the positive work and engagement undertaken by the service and asked if the figures reflected people who had successfully completed treatment and were without drug and alcohol.

The Public Health Strategic Manager stated that in the report the successful completion rates measured people that had been in the service for 5 years to be completely free of drug and alcohol. She added that within that time they may have come back into the service numerous times but the more they came back the greater the chance of recovery. Members were referred to the graph within the report that showed that opiate users in the County were higher than some of the national targets for England. She noted that people had gone into completion if they did not represent themselves within six months.

Councillor Crathorne stated that more need to be done on the ground targeting drug dealers to stop the vicious circle.

The Public Health Strategic Manager stated that there were improved relations with the Police and Prison Service that had made progress but more needed to be done.

## **Resolved**

That the report be noted.

## **8 Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 - Prevent Update**

The Chair introduced Detective Inspector, Melvin Sutherland Durham Constabulary who was also the Counter Terrorism Prevent Supervisor. He was in attendance to provide Members with a presentation to provide an update of the partnership's progress in meeting statutory duties contained within the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and an update on partnership working.

There were four elements to counter terrorism:

- Pursue – to stop terrorist attacks
- Prevent - to stop people becoming or supporting violent extremists
- Prepare – to mitigate the impact if an attack cannot be stopped
- Protect – to strengthen the overall protection against terrorist attacks

The Detective Inspector, Durham Constabulary informed the Committee that the UK threat level from terrorism had been reduced to substantial, meaning an attack was likely. He also informed the committee that a nation review of Prevent was being undertaken and a new chair was being recruited to take the work forward.

On a regional level the Detective Inspector, Durham Constabulary noted that a Prevent forum existed for elected members and officers where key speakers and learning of good practice was shared. Signs and symbols on the internet or graffiti were looked for that may also gauge where community tensions may exist and from where action may be taken.

The Detective Inspector, Durham Constabulary notified the Committee that there was a Local Counter Terrorism Network between the police and other organisations like the British Army, private organisations and the Council who acted as champions to assist with intelligence and serve as eyes and ears on the streets to identify threats. He added that there were currently 80 champions who were updated with refresher packs to keep them well informed.

The Strategic Manager - Partnerships highlighted that Prevent had been included as a topic area in events for Safeguarding Week held in November 2019 where staff who attended were given information and they learned what signs to look out for. She noted that the Home Office had produced an eLearning package for members of the public to ensure they were aware of what to look out for to spot the signs of suspicious behaviour and understand what to do in the event of a major incident, which she agreed to circulate the link for. She added that the Home Office had also produced a self-assessment under the security act that comprised of 10 bench markers that included local ones that had been delivered over the last few months.

The Detective Inspector, Durham Constabulary explained that a Community Cohesion toolkit had been created that linked in with the Area Action Partnerships to monitor any rise in community tensions. He noted that resources could then be put in place in an area if tensions were detected. He added that the toolkit was available on the intranet.

He added that although referrals for Prevent and the multi-agency Channel support programme had increased, the threats had been stable but people's vulnerability through loneliness could also draw them into terrorism online.

Councillor Wilkes wanted to know if the referrals were all located in the same geographical area in County Durham.

The Detective Inspector, Durham Constabulary replied that the referrals were spread evenly but there were less in Darlington than Durham. He noted that there was more of an online presence rather than a physical presence as the number of marches had declined but younger children were vulnerable to being targeted and radicalised online.

The Chief Fire Officer wanted to know if the referrals were right wing and whether there had been a decrease due to Brexit.

The Detective Inspector, Durham Constabulary responded that there had been an increase in referrals relating to Brexit but they had been dealt with at an early stage. He noticed that online activity had reduced around the time of the general election in December which may indicate that this was because people felt that they had a voice through their vote.

## Resolved

That the report be noted.

### 9 Consumer Protection - Enforcement and Intervention Activity

The Committee considered a report of Corporate Director of Resources that provided members with background information on enforcement and intervention activity by the Council's Consumer Protection Service.

The Chair introduced the Consumer Protection Manager who was in attendance to Provide the committee with a presentation on the work carried out by the Consumer Protection Service.

The Consumer Protection Manager explained that the service covered Trading Standards, Licensing Administration and Enforcement teams. On a National level the priorities for Trading Standards included:

- Doorstep Crime  
Customers were misled into fraudulent trading over the doorstep. Consumer Services worked in partnership with the Police, GP surgeries, Mental Health practitioners to help get information out to people to help prevent this as the crime was under reported. There had been 30 months imprisonments of people who had been caught within Durham, North Yorkshire and Northumbria with offenders paying compensation orders to victims
- Counterfeit Goods  
There were new ways of people obtaining counterfeit goods that were coming into the Country. This not only provided a loss to victims but also to the brand holder. This was also linked to organised crime.
- Underage Sales  
The Business Compliance team dealt with underage sales and age restrictive goods such as alcohol, tobacco, fireworks, knives. The team also carried out test purchasing at premises with underage children who tried to buy age restrictive goods.
- Illicit tobacco and alcohol  
The service supported Keep Fresh to prevent the selling of illicit tobacco. A campaign 'Keep it Out' had been launched to encourage members of the public to inform authorities of the illegal selling of tobacco through private properties called tab houses.

- Scams  
The service worked in partnership with National Scams team who promote 'Friends against Scams' to educate people and visit victims in their homes to advise on the dangers of scams. Victims did not always admit to how much they had been scammed. Work had also been carried out with the Young friends against scams with young people educating grandparents and parents on the dangers of scams.
- General fair trading  
There were issues with the motor and puppy trade with people being scammed, not getting repairs or refunds on faulty cars and puppies becoming ill or dying soon after being bought. New enforcement powers had been brought in regarding properties that helped deal with landlords relating to tenants fees. Fixed penalties could be issued.

The Consumer Protection Manager informed the Committee that the Licensing department was busy arranging hearings for new applicants or if there were changes to licences. He noted that there were on average approximately one hearing per week. He added that a new online application service had been launched for taxi drivers which had incurred a few teething problems but all in all was being used well. The Licensing Enforcement Team were also busy with 59 licence holders being taken to committee for conduct, behaviour or criminal convictions.

The Consumer Protection Manager notified the Committee that partnership working had taken place and links had been established with Immigration Officers regarding illegal workers in the County in licensed premises. He added that Brexit had the potential to cause issues within the service with regards current suppliers who may be considered to be importers as a result of the changes.

The Consumer Protection Manager notified the Committee that there had been a restructure within the Consumer Protection service. The Service was now known as the Public Protection Service that included Trading Standards, Licensing, Neighbourhood Interventions and Community Safety.

The Consumer Protection Manager agreed to forward a copy of the scrap dealers licence to be circulated to members for awareness purposes.

Councillor Wilkes was concerned that a shop in Framwellgate Moor had given Durham County Council negative publicity as it had been able to keep its licence even though it had been caught three times selling alcohol to underage children. He asked for further information on how many times licence holders could commit offences before action was taken.

Councillor Wilkes also asked how long after premises had been tested and failed that Officers could go back to retest. He added that he was also aware of premises linked to underage sales that also tended to leave waste and pallets outside making the area untidy and asked if there was any joint up working the Clean and Green Team.

The Consumer Protection Manager acknowledged that there was no guidance as such on predetermining the outcome of a Committee's decisions as each case was determined on the individual circumstances. Officers looked at all the evidence gathered before taking the case to Committee. In relation to the shop at Framwellgate Moor, it was noted that it had changed hands numerous times and had conditions added to its licence with strict restrictions that were required to be complied with. He added that with due diligence, Councillors could not be kept informed of these operations nor premises identified with an operation.

The Consumer Protection Manager informed the Committee that with underage test purchasing, significant evidence and preparation was required and an order must be applied for through the Magistrates Court before any test purchase action could be taken. Although enforcement work was carried out with Police regarding the licence the Consumer Protection Manager was unsure as to whether Clean and Green was linked into regarding waste. He noted that this could be a wider public nuisance and could be looked at in the future.

Councillor Wilkes highlighted that if waste was looked at it would show that the store was not managed well and asked what the shortest time could an Officer go back and retest the shop.

The Consumer Protection Manager clarified that authorisation from the Magistrates Court lasted an initial three months and once a premise had been caught further investigations had to take place to see who had sold the goods, management structures and identify the premises holder. The Consumer Protection Manager explained that if all the information was gathered within the three months Officers could go back and retest.

Councillor Boyes gave an example of a public house in his division that had been shut down as they had been caught on two occasions of underage sales.

The Consumer and Protection Manager stated that protocols were adhered to but all cases were individual and they may not all warrant the same response. He noted that if rules were too rigid then it may not result in the right decision being made. The Consumer and Protection Manager added that the service, prior to any closure of premise would focus on having well run establishments. Therefore, other sanctions could be imposed for example conditions applied to the licence or a suspension of a licence that people would need to adhere to in order to continue business in the future.

Councillor Boyes felt that consistency may need to be looked at on individual points.

Councillor Jopling was concerned that young people were targeted and small shops could offend time and time again. The welfare of young people needed to be protected to prevent them becoming alcoholics in the future. She added that stronger lines were required for youngsters as they were not aware of the ramifications down the line of what damage alcohol could do.

Councillor Batey welcomed news that the anti-social behaviour team was being transferred to community protection as she felt that there were a lot of synergies between this team and the work of other teams in this area.

**Resolved**

That the report be noted.

**10 Police and Crime Panel**

The Committee received a report of Corporate Director of Resources that provided members with an update on agenda items that were presented to the Panel.

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer informed the committee that at its meeting in January 2020, the Police and Crime Panel (PCP) considered the Countering Terrorism, the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner's Quarterly Performance report and the key item the precept consultation.

Councillor Boyes reiterated that this Committee was the link to feed any issues into the PCP.

**Resolved**

That the report be noted.

**11 Overview and Scrutiny Review Update**

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer gave a verbal update in relation to the review of activities of the Committee. He advised that the next stage for this work would be to comment on consultation of the draft road safety strategy.

**Resolved**

That the verbal update be noted.

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**Safer and Stronger Communities  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**22 September 2020**

**Domestic Abuse – Progress Report**



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**Report of John Hewitt, Corporate Director of Resources**

**Electoral division(s) affected:**

Countywide

**Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To provide the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with supporting information to a progress report on activity of the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Executive Group (DASVEG).

**Executive summary**

- 2 The report attached in appendix 2 aims to provide Members with an overview on activity of the DASVEG.

**Recommendation**

- 3 The Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note the report and comment accordingly.

**Background**

- 4 Attached in Appendix 2 is a report providing information on activity of the DASVEG in relation to its objectives, progress on recommendations from the Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI), Commissioning and COVID 19.
- 5 Jeanne Trotter, Acting Policy Lead, Office of the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner and DASVEG Chair will present the report attached in Appendix 2 and respond to questions from the committee on activity of the group.

**Main implications**

*Crime and Disorder*

- 6 Information with this report aims to contribute to objectives within the Safe Durham Partnership plan.

## **Conclusion**

- 7 The attached report provides an opportunity for Members to comment on activity of the DASVEG.

## **Background papers**

- None

## **Other useful documents**

- None

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Legal Implications**

None.

### **Finance**

None.

### **Consultation**

None.

### **Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty**

None.

### **Human Rights**

None.

### **Climate Change**

None.

### **Crime and Disorder**

Information with this report aims to contribute to objectives within the existing Council Plan and Safe Durham Partnership plan to reducing crime and disorder.

### **Staffing**

None.

### **Accommodation**

None.

### **Risk**

None.

### **Procurement**

None.

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**Safer and Stronger Communities  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**22 September 2020**

**Domestic Abuse – Progress Report**



Safe Durham Partnership

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**Report of Jeanne Trotter, OPCVC – Acting Policy Lead - Chair of DASVEG**

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**Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To provide the SSC with an update on the DASVEG plan on a page and other related activity.

**Background**

- 2 The objectives outlined within the DASVEG Plan on a Page were developed following a multi-agency planning session in December 2016. The plan was subsequently reviewed at a multi-agency stakeholder event in March 2019 where it was agreed that the headline objectives continue to be relevant. While the overarching objectives of the Plan on a Page have therefore been retained, related actions have been updated to reflect progress and next steps. Stakeholder feedback also highlighted the need to include Sexual Violence.
- 3 The vision of the County Durham and Darlington Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Executive Group is: that all agencies work together to seek to reduce the prevalence of domestic abuse in County Durham and Darlington and continue to provide and further develop a co-ordinated community response that provides high quality preventative, support and protection services and effectively deals with perpetrators. Our vision for sexual violence is that it will not be tolerated and that perpetrators will be brought to account for their actions. Victims of sexual violence will be supported, treated with dignity and respect and made to feel safe within their community whilst seeing their offenders brought to justice.
- 4 The existing three objectives are :
  - Objective 1 – reduction in repeat victims and serial perpetrators of domestic abuse
  - Objective 2 – Domestic abuse is prevented through early intervention
  - Objective 3 – More invisible victims are identified and offered support

- 5 Given the nature and scale of the issues involved in sexual violence, a recommendation was made, and agreed, to develop a separate Plan on a Page for this area of work in order to encompass a number of key principles i.e.
- a. Prevention through early intervention and education;
  - b. Delivering an effective, prompt and joined up response for those people affected by sexual violence;
  - c. Listening to victims and survivors and ensuring their voices are heard and not lost in the 'system';
  - d. Identifying those most at risk of harm;
  - e. Promoting good practice and continuous improvement based on sound evaluation of practice and relevant research.
- 6 Ensuring the voices of those affected by Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence, including victims, perpetrators, children, families and communities, are embedded in planning and delivery mechanisms continues to be a key priority along with collaboration between agencies and the assessment and evaluation of interventions.

### **Objective 1 – reduce repeat victims and serial perpetrators of domestic abuse**

- 7 The Multi-Agency Tasking and Coordination (MATAC) initiative aims to reduce reoffending amongst serial perpetrators of domestic abuse by enhancing multi-agency involvement in using care, compliance and consequence interventions to manage the most prolific and harmful serial domestic abuse perpetrators. The process was introduced by Durham Constabulary as part of the Domestic Abuse Whole System Approach (DAWSA) project involving five other Police Force areas. MATAC continues to be operational across Durham and Darlington and is being evaluated as part of a wider piece of work across all six Police Forces involved in the DAWSA project. A separate evaluation is being undertaken specific to the Durham Force area.
- 8 While early findings from the wider evaluation indicate positive results in terms of perpetrator awareness and engagement with behaviour change programmes, etc. it is acknowledged that assessing the impact on behaviour can be challenging and in order to be confident that behaviour change has been achieved and maintained after MATAC, a post-programme window of at least 12 months for each perpetrator would be required in order to make judgements about sustained changes in behaviour and offending rates. DASVEG will continue to monitor progress and outcomes.

- 9 Work is ongoing to evaluate and establish future resource requirements in respect of perpetrator prevention and/or awareness programmes.
- 10 The Checkpoint Quality Assurance Group (QAG) continues to meet to quality assure processes and outcomes in relation to DA perpetrators being offered Checkpoint as an alternative to prosecution. The first summary report of the work carried out by the Group was produced in April 2020. The purpose of the report is to inform DASVEG members of the work being carried out by the Group and to report on the findings that have been identified to date.
- 11 A number of recommendations and best practice have been identified by the QAG and discussion on implementation will be a subject for debate at a future DASVEG meeting. The recommendations include:
  - a. Future commissioning decisions for domestic abuse services to factor in the different approaches required to address non-intimate partner DA as opposed to intimate partner DA;
  - b. Consideration for further Impact evaluation such as exploring opportunities to utilise the Distance Travelled Tool and the Signs of Safety approach when evaluating the impact of the scheme;
  - c. Children's Services to be informed of completion of contract as part of exit strategy, where relevant, to enable continued services post contract;
  - d. The option for victim support to be revisited at a later stage if declined initially. In particular, when a family is open to Team around the Family (TAF) or One Point, these services should be utilised to explore the offer of victim support at a later stage;
  - e. More support to be made available for victims wanting to proceed with a restraining order if they can't afford to pursue a non-molestation order;
  - f. Introduce the flexibility to enable professional judgment to be taken into account when assessing the appropriateness of a Checkpoint intervention;
  - g. Consideration to be given to how best to improve information sharing between the Checkpoint team and Children's Services to ensure a more coordinated response. In particular, a process for escalation of non-compliance when children are involved to be explored along with and sharing relevant actions/reviews undertaken by social care colleagues to be shared and recorded on COMET with the longer terms benefits for both agencies being measured;

h. Dip sampling of failed cases to be carried out to determine the outcome following non-engagement/reoffending and presentation and consideration of compliance report at the Magistrates Court.

12 The full report and recommendations will be subject to discussion and approval by DASVEG members.

13 Recognising that issues relating to accommodation often results in victims remaining in abusive relationships, DASVEG will be introducing more formalised working and reporting arrangements with partners in the housing and accommodation sector and it has been agreed that accommodation for victims and perpetrators of Domestic abuse will be subject to a deep dive exercise. DASVEG has also now established links with the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA).

**Objective 2 – Domestic Abuse is prevented through early intervention**

14 In order to finalise the work stream priority actions, a review of the Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) Domestic Abuse findings and subsequent implementation plan was required.

15 The JTAI inspection had previously identified that:

- a. The voice of children and young people affected by domestic abuse did not sufficiently inform the priority areas DASVEG
- b. The lines of accountability between DASVEG and the Durham Safeguarding Children's Board (DCSP) required strengthening

16 The review identified that the issues raised as part of the JTAI Domestic Abuse had not been sufficiently resolved and that the voice of children and young people effected by domestic abuse were not clearly identified within the current workstream structure as current workstream proposed priority areas have a focus on adult victims and abusers.

17 To ensure that the areas outlined in paragraph 15-16 were addressed, the DASVEG Early Intervention work stream has a clear focus on Children, Young People and Families and links with the DSCP through the Embedded Learning Group.

18 This approach will ensure that vulnerable children, young people and their families are prioritised and reduces the opportunity for duplication whilst at the same time strengthening the links between DASVEG and the DSCP.

19 To date significant work has been undertaken to review the current offer to the workforce through training and development and has seen the development of:

- a. A Practitioners Guide to Coercive and Controlling Behaviours resource made available to all partners and housed on the DSCP website
- b. Contributed to the development and implementation of the Children and Families Practice Toolkit
- c. DASH Risk Assessment training delivered to Children and Young People's Services staff, with plans to make that available to multi agency partners
- d. The development of a tiered approach to training across the partnership, this will range from basic awareness training to more targeted programmes which will be made available to multi agency partners no later than autumn 2020
- e. The collating and co-ordination of wider online resources that can be made easily accessible to all partners virtually
- f. Supporting staff with the development of response to Operation Encompass in an education setting

20 Due to the current COVID 19 pandemic, the group have also been involved in contributing to the wider Domestic Abuse Communications Plan and have worked collectively with specialist provider, Harbour Support Services, in a multi-agency approach to supporting vulnerable families during lockdown.

21 Priorities for the group moving forward include:

- a. Supporting services through recovery and restoration to ensure those families effected by domestic abuse are supported and safe
- b. Further development and launch of an enhanced workforce development programme in partnership with the DSCP training offer
- c. Further develop Operation Encompass
- d. Review the support made available to families through universal services including the Vulnerable Parent Pathway delivered by Harrogate District Foundation Trust Family Health Service

### **Objective 3 – More invisible victims are identified and offered support**

22 A programme of work has been developed by a Task and Finish Group aimed at achieving a better understanding of the issue and this includes:

- a. Developing and implementing an ongoing DASVEG communications and engagement strategy and action plan;

- b. Exploring the potential, including resource requirements and monitoring and evaluation processes, to deliver an on-going programme of Domestic Abuse Workplace Champions training;
- c. Consider extending Workplace Champions training to encompass Community Champions training;
- d. Reviewing information from service providers relating to referral sources that can be used to target the above training programmes;
- e. Establishing a better understanding of characteristics (geographic and demographic) relating to current reporting to ensure effective targeting of awareness raising re: hidden victims;
- f. Including coercive control in awareness raising campaigns and workplace/community champions training.

### **Commissioning**

- 23 A budget prioritisation exercise is underway and this will form the basis for future commissioning plans.

### **COVID 19**

- 24 Operating under the conditions imposed by the COVID 19 Pandemic has proved challenging for all partners particularly those seeking to maintain delivery of support for victims, their families and perpetrators. However, these challenges have also demonstrated the benefits of collaborative working and over the past five months significant work has been undertaken by partners to identify, agree and implement innovative ways of working that have enabled continuity of support. In addition, the extra funding allocated to Police and Crime Commissioners for provision of tailored support to victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence has helped with the cost of introducing new ways of working, replacing lost income and coping with increased demand.

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**22 September 2020**

**Safe Durham Partnership – Impact of  
COVID 19**

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**Report of John Hewitt, Corporate Director of Resources**

**Electoral division(s) affected:**

Countywide

**Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To provide the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with background information in advance of a presentation on the impact COVID-19 on community safety partners.

**Executive summary**

- 2 The presentation attached in appendix 2 will aim to provide Members with an overview of the impact and learning during COVID-19 on community safety partners on the Safe Durham Partnership Board. The presentation (appendix 2) and performance report within (appendix 3) will provide an opportunity for members to provide comment to the Safe Durham Partnership on this impact and for consideration of future items within the Committee's work programme.

**Recommendation**

- 3 Members of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to
  - (a) Note information contained within presentation from the Safe Durham Partnership and comment accordingly.
  - (b) Consider the overall position and direction of travel in relation to quarter one performance, the impact of COVID-19 on performance, and the actions being taken to address areas of underperformance including the significant economic and well-being challenges because of the pandemic.

**Background**

- 4 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 placed a statutory duty on local authorities to form a Community Safety Partnership (CSP), within County Durham, this is known as the Safe Durham Partnership.
- 5 There are currently six 'responsible authorities' on the Safe Durham Partnership, who have a legal duty to work in partnership to tackle crime, disorder, substance misuse, anti-social behaviour and other behaviour adversely affecting the environment, and to reduce re-offending.
- 6 The six responsible authorities are Durham County Council, Durham Constabulary, County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service, National Probation Service, Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company and County Durham NHS Clinical Commissioning Group. The partnership also has additional members from the Office of the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust, County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, HMP Durham and East Durham Trust.
- 7 The Safe Durham Partnership Chair is Keith Wanley, Area Manager, County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service.
- 8 The Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee has powers under the Police and Justice Act 2006 to scrutinise work of the Safe Durham Partnership.
- 9 Appendix 2 to this report contains a presentation highlighting key challenges, impact and learning during COVID 19 on partner agencies within the partnership. The presentation will be delivered by Keith Wanley, Chair of the Safe Durham Partnership.
- 10 To provide members with supporting information, the Quarter One, 2020/21 Performance Management Report is attached in Appendix 3 of this report. It is to note that performance information within Appendix 3 combines quarter four, 2019/20 and quarter one, 2020/21 and will be provided by the Corporate Scrutiny and Strategy Manager.

## **Main implications**

### *Crime and Disorder*

- 11 Information with this report aims to contribute to objectives within the existing Safe Durham Partnership plan to reducing crime and disorder.

## **Conclusion**

12 The attached presentation provides an update and opportunity for Members to comment to the Safe Durham Partnership on this impact and consideration of future items within the Committee's work programme.

13 Background papers

- None

**Other useful documents**

- None

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Legal Implications**

None.

### **Finance**

None.

### **Consultation**

None.

### **Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty**

None.

### **Human Rights**

None.

### **Climate Change**

None.

### **Crime and Disorder**

Information with this report aims to contribute to objectives within the existing Safe Durham Partnership Plan.

### **Staffing**

None.

### **Accommodation**

None.

### **Risk**

None.

### **Procurement**

None.

# **Safe Durham Partnership Board – Impact of COVID 19**

## **Safer & Stronger Communities OSC**

**22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020**

**Keith Wanley – Area Manager**

**Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue  
Chair of the Safe Durham Partnership Board**

**Safe Durham  
Partnership**

# Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service

- Home safety
- Business safety
- Supporting wider covid-19 response

**Safe Durham  
Partnership**

# Durham Constabulary

- Anti-social Behaviour/Overall crime
- Use of technology
- Road safety

**Safe Durham  
Partnership**

# County Durham Youth Justice Service

- Continued to deliver all services
- Utilised technology where appropriate
- Effective communication

**Safe Durham  
Partnership**

# Prevent

- Online training and awareness sessions
- Scams and conspiracies i.e. 5G
- Channel panels and interventions

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# Road Safety Delivery

- Suspension of face to face activities
- Casualty and fatality rates
- Social media campaigns and remote lessons

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Partnership**

# Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company

- Communication
- Flexibility and adaptability
- Delivery and future proofing

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Partnership

# Public Health

- Engagement of key services
- Outbreak control
- Health impact assessment

**Safe Durham  
Partnership**

# DCC Housing

- Statutory function
- Communication with Partners
- Everyone In

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# Durham County Council Public Protection

- Businesses
- Noise Nuisance/ASB/Community Safety
- Unauthorised Encampments

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# PCVC

- Technology - communication with victims, links to the court
- Joint communication strategy
- Budget prioritisation exercise relating to Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence

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# HMP Durham

- Heightened risk
- Procedures
- Prisoner support

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Partnership**

# VCS/East Durham Trust

- No reduction in services
- Community Conduit
- Supporting community groups

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# Cross cutting themes

- Communication
- Use of technology
- Partnership working
- Looking after the most vulnerable

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Any Questions?

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## Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

22 September 2020

### Quarter One, 2020/21 Performance Management Report

#### Ordinary Decision



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## Report of John Hewitt, Corporate Director of Resources

### Electoral division(s) affected:

Countywide.

### Purpose of the Report

- 1 To present progress towards achieving the key outcomes of the council's corporate performance framework.

### The impact of COVID-19

- 2 A highly infectious virus (SARS-CoV-2) causing respiratory illness (COVID-19) spread rapidly across the world during 2020. This resulted in a global pandemic being declared by the World Health Organisation on 11 March 2020.
- 3 Significant restrictions to normal ways of life, travel and business were introduced by the government to try to contain the spread of the virus, minimise deaths and prevent COVID-19 cases overwhelming our health and social care systems.
- 4 It was necessary for the Council to adapt and we significantly changed our service provision and ways of working. Some services were closed, others changed and began to operate remotely. Gold command arrangements were activated nationwide to respond to the emergency. Locally, this involved the council working in partnership with other agencies on the local resilience forum which covers both County Durham and Darlington to protect our communities and support those affected by the pandemic.
- 5 Although our regular quarterly corporate reporting cycle was suspended, we are now able to resume quarterly performance reporting with this report which combines quarter four, 2019/20 and quarter one, 2020/21.

## Performance Reporting

- 6 This performance report is structured around the three externally focused results-based ambitions of [the County Durham Vision 2035](#) alongside a fourth 'excellent council' theme, and also includes an overview of the impact of COVID-19 on council services, our staff and residents.
- 7 The report will be further developed to reflect the reporting requirements of the Council Plan 2020-2023 (subject to Cabinet approval in September), cultural change resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, COVID-19 Recovery and Restoration, which is likely to run over the medium term, and the council's new senior management structure (particularly 'Regeneration and Economic Growth' and 'Neighbourhoods and Climate Change').
- 8 These changes will commence from quarter three onwards to align with new corporate planning arrangements and developments in business analytics.

## Connected Communities – Safer focus

- 9 Overall crime levels remain relatively static. However, anti-social behaviour incidents have increased, peaking in April before declining as lockdown restrictions were lifted. There were increases to both domestic violence (up 8%) and hate crime (up 30%) during lockdown, reflecting the national picture.
- 10 During quarter one, we used our focused improvement plans, initiatives and interventions to mitigate against the challenges we face. For example, multi-agency screening of all domestic violence incidents, setting up a Child Exploitation Vulnerability Tracker, and water safety actions both in Durham City and countywide.

## Risk Management

- 11 Effective risk management is a vital component of the council's agenda. The council's risk management process sits alongside our change programme and is incorporated into all significant change and improvement projects.
  - i. *Failure to protect a vulnerable adult from death or serious harm.* Management consider it possible that this risk could occur which, in addition to the severe impacts on service users, will result in serious damage to the Council's reputation and to relationships with its safeguarding partners. As the statutory body, the multi-agency Safeguarding Adults Board has a Business Plan in place for taking forward actions to safeguard vulnerable adults including a comprehensive training programme for staff and regular supervision

takes place. This risk is long term and procedures are reviewed regularly.

### **Recommendation**

- 12 That Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the overall position and direction of travel in relation to quarter one performance, the impact of COVID-19 on performance, and the actions being taken to address areas of underperformance including the significant economic and well-being challenges because of the pandemic.

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Legal Implications**

Not applicable.

### **Finance**

Latest performance information is being used to inform corporate, service and financial planning.

### **Consultation**

Not applicable.

### **Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty**

Equality measures are monitored as part of the performance monitoring process.

### **Climate Change**

We have declared a climate change emergency and consider the implications of climate change in our reports and decision-making.

### **Human Rights**

Not applicable.

### **Crime and Disorder**

A number of performance indicators and key actions relating to crime and disorder are continually monitored in partnership with Durham Constabulary.

### **Staffing**

Performance against a number of relevant corporate health indicators has been included to monitor staffing issues.

### **Accommodation**

Not applicable.

### **Risk**

Reporting of significant risks and their interaction with performance is integrated into the quarterly performance management report.

### **Procurement**

Not applicable.



# Durham County Council Performance Management Report

## Quarter One, 2020/21



## Connected Communities - Safer

- 1 The ambition of Connected Communities – Safer is linked to the following key questions:
  - (a) How effective are we at tackling crime and disorder?
  - (b) How effective are we at tackling anti-social behaviour?
  - (c) How well do we reduce misuse of drugs and alcohol?
  - (d) How well do we tackle abuse of vulnerable people, including domestic abuse, child exploitation and radicalisation?
  - (e) How do we keep our environment safe, including roads and waterways?

### **How effective are we at tackling crime and disorder, and anti-social behaviour (ASB)?**

- 2 The Police approach during the pandemic has been ‘Engage, Explain, Encourage’ as their first considerations. However, if enforcement is the most applicable route then the Police will issue a penalty notice for disorder. The Police changed their operating model during COVID-19 in planning for the response, and ensured they had an operational policing presence to respond to calls for service enabling any problematic areas to be targeted as they emerge. For example, those areas where they were seeing gatherings or had intelligence that the public were not complying with the guidance.
- 3 Levels of anti-social behaviour (ASB) peaked in April but decreased throughout May and June as restrictions were reduced. This was particularly evident of incidents relating to COVID-19, although overall ASB remains above pre-lockdown levels indicating that tensions remain within the community but are not generally related to the lockdown.
- 4 Increases have been seen across all ASB categories but most notably in relation to police reported environmental ASB. During quarter one, there were 576 environmental ASB incidents which were COVID-19 related; with 523 (91%) relating to non-compliance with Government guidelines, predominantly these related to households holding parties.
- 5 Council reports of nuisance ASB predominately related to noise complaints as well as young people gathering.
- 6 Despite the COVID-19 restrictions partnership work has continued to tackle ASB. Specific examples include:
  - (a) Responding to complaints regarding unauthorised people visiting the vacant Windlestone Hall causing distress and concern to local residents. The building was secured, and legal notices have been served on the owner. The police were fully updated about the outcome

of the site visits and were able to report back to residents, providing community reassurance.

(b) Reports are regularly received regarding off road motorcycles and quad bikes for several areas. Working in partnership with Cleveland and Durham Special Operations Unit and Bike Section regular patrols are carried out. Identifying people/vehicles is very difficult as people are often wearing scarves and balaclavas and bikes have no plates or false plates. Where identification can be made and where relevant we link with housing providers and warnings are issued on tenancies where appropriate. £15,500 has been secured by the multi-agency partnership from a local Member towards carrying out target hardening works in Wingate.

(c) Targeted work has been undertaken in the Peterlee area in response to vehicle nuisance and vehicles driving over paths in estates. Footage had been seen of cars and bikes riding over the grassed areas in front of houses, were children play and it's a busy area for dog walkers. Bollards are to be installed and access points have been reviewed, damaged fencing replaced, all funded by the council. Assessments are ongoing for bollards at the two other access points. Additionally, in the Peterlee area, a site visit was held with Peterlee Town Council and Peterlee Beat Team in response to increased reports of ASB, drinking and litter within a park. Several suggestions to make the youth pod more visible were made and a multi-agency open air event / PACT will be held once works have been completed so we can engage with residents and park users.

7 In addition, Community Safety and Neighbourhood Policing Teams have assisted with the delivery of free school meals while voucher schemes were put in place. Through this, teams were also able to conduct welfare checks with residents.

8 A new free phone helpline service, for people released from prison during the pandemic, was launched across the North East in May. The helpline signposts callers to community drug and alcohol service provision, local pharmacy information, local authority housing support, support hubs for vulnerable people, Job Centre Plus and a wide range of community support projects.

**CONNECTED COMMUNITIES – SAFER**

**(a) How effective are we at tackling crime and disorder, and (b) anti-social behaviour?**

 **49,711** recorded crimes equivalent to **94.3** crimes per 1,000 population

 **+480**  
Violence against the person (+2%)

 **-1,776**  
Theft offences (-12%)

 **-762**  
Criminal damage/ arson (-10%)

 **-11**  
Sexual offences (-1%)

 **-7**  
Robbery (-4%)

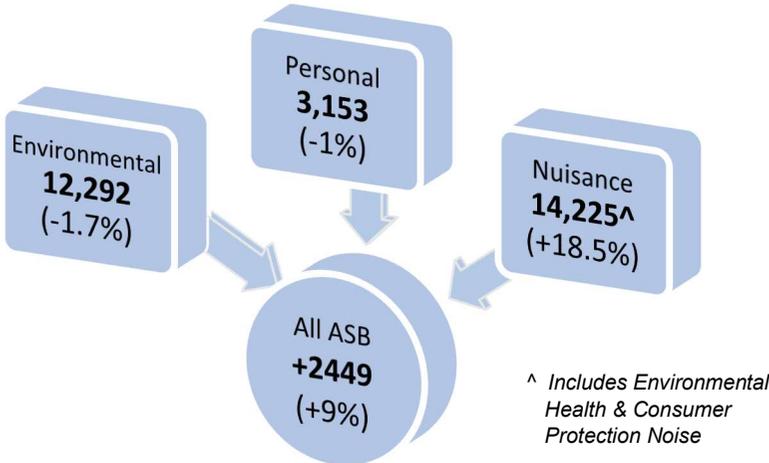
 **+300**  
Other crimes (+5%)

**All recorded crime -1,517 (-3%) ↓**

*unless stated, data are Jul 2019 to Jun 2020 compared to same period last year*

**29,670**  
ASB incidents

<b>13,174</b> council reported	<b>+1,589</b> (+14%)
<b>16,496</b> police reported	<b>+2,810</b> (+21%)



## **How well do we reduce misuse of drugs and alcohol?**

- 9 Police alcohol related ASB has increased by 76% compared to the same period last year. Although this is within the context of increases in overall ASB, alcohol related has increased at a greater rate causing the proportion of alcohol related ASB to increase. The Police are monitoring ASB levels and issues are being dealt with at a locality level.
- 10 During the lockdown period the County Durham Drug and Alcohol Recovery Service (DARS) continued to be delivered from all three recovery centres albeit on a reduced staff capacity and reduced opening hours. Clinical appointments were delivered in recovery centres with appropriate PPE in place while assessments and follow-ups were delivered over video and phone calls. Recovery support groups and training continues to be delivered online via Microsoft Teams. Service users on opioid substitution treatment received 7-day prescriptions as opposed to daily supervised consumption due to limited access to pharmacies. Clients were segmented into risk categories and increased support delivered as appropriate in partnership with social care.

## **How well do we tackle abuse of vulnerable people, including domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation and radicalisation?**

- 11 During quarter one, there was an 8% increase in domestic violence incidents reported to the police (compared to the same period last year) which is slightly above normal levels of variance. This reflects a rise nationally during the lockdown period.
- 12 A new triage system for domestic abuse incidents is now operational with daily multi-agency screening of all incidents. This is undertaken by children's services, child health and police staff from within the multi-agency safeguarding hub (MASH). The benefit of using this operational model is the multi-agency oversight of all domestic abuse incidents in Durham, sharing of information and decision making on a daily basis which will ultimately reduce any delay for children who need to be safeguarded.
- 13 Weekly referrals to Harbour have generally been higher than in the period prior to lockdown: week commencing 6 July was the highest level seen since February and the highest level of self-referrals since lockdown began. Throughout the pandemic, Harbour has been offering digital support through video calls and a live chat facility. Since 1 August, a new counselling service has been available through either video/telephone calls or face to face with social distancing measures.

- 14 In November 2019, a Child Exploitation Vulnerability Tracker was set up as a multi-agency risk triage process for all young people who are assessed as being at risk of exploitation. Previously, only children who were assessed as being at high-risk were referred to children's social care Supporting Solutions Team for ERASE one-to-one CSE support, However, now all children (high, medium or low) are assessed on a weekly basis and referred.
- 15 There was a 30% increase in hate crimes during quarter one (compared to the same period in the previous year). Many were neighbour disputes (fuelled by erecting fences or by doing building work) and crimes against takeaway staff. There were also reports of hate crimes linked to the Black Lives Matter protests.

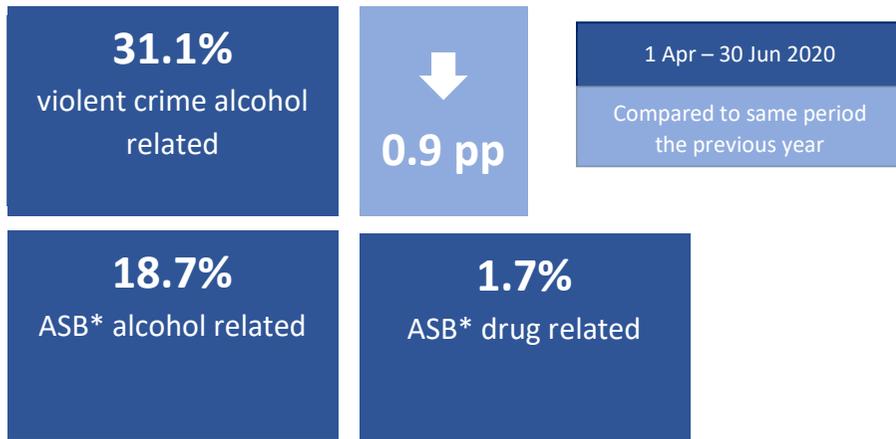
### **How do we keep our environment safe, including roads and waterways?**

- 16 Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown, traffic levels were reduced across the county, and as such, the network wasn't as congested. This resulted in our vulnerable road users (pedestrians, cyclists and motorcycle riders) not being exposed to higher volumes of traffic that would increase their risk of being involved in a road traffic collision. However, as traffic levels start to return to normal, and as schools begin to open, we expect to see an increase in traffic collisions and injury on our roads. The council and its partners have recognised this likely impact and will be delivering marketing and social media campaigns to reaffirm safety messages as we approach the autumn/winter months with the darker evenings and the worsening weather conditions.
- 17 Both water safety forums, responsible for managing water safety in the city centre and countywide, continue to meet. The City Safety Group continues to monitor the riverside development projects on a monthly basis, to ensure that any public safety issues and impacts are identified with the developers, and has started planning for freshers' week, with a focus on the high footfall night-time economy.
- 18 From a countywide perspective, a schedule of monitoring and prioritising risk locations identified in the initial countywide assessment process continues to be applied to provide assurance. Specifically, reassessments of priority locations prior to the summer holiday periods are routinely completed to ensure that safety controls remain in situ.
- 19 Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and particularly following school closures, an alternative approach to the water safety campaigns will be taken in 2020/21. Key messages to raise awareness will still be issued as in previous years, but

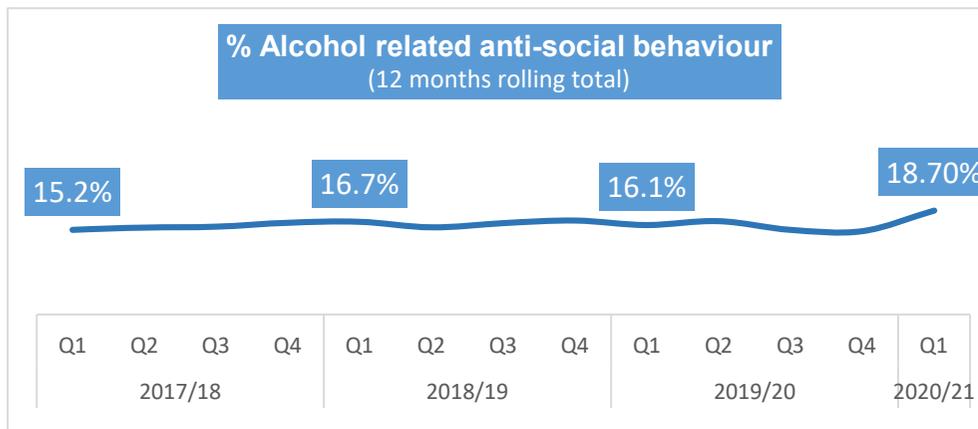
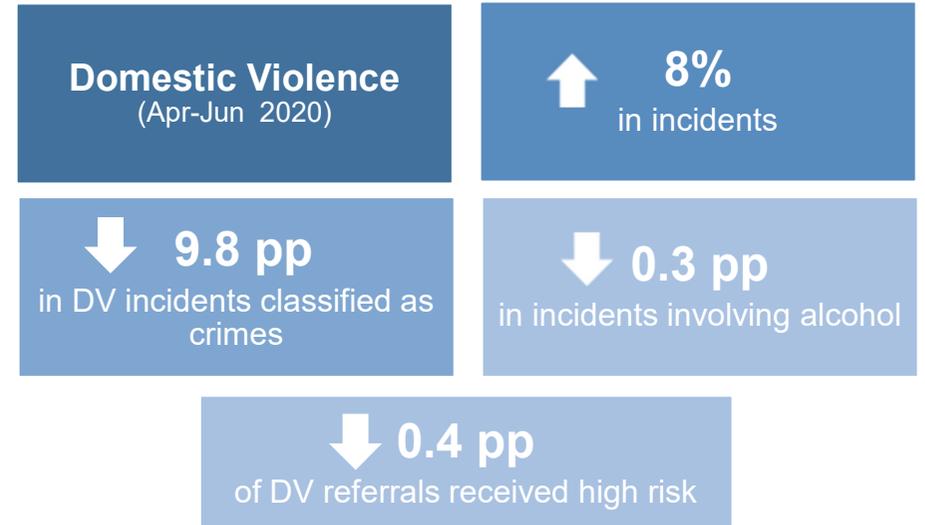
through a variation of social media and posters and alerts at high footfall open water sites across the county.

# CONNECTED COMMUNITIES – SAFER

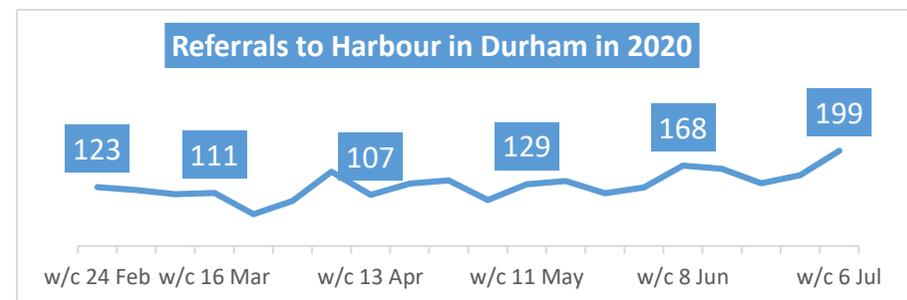
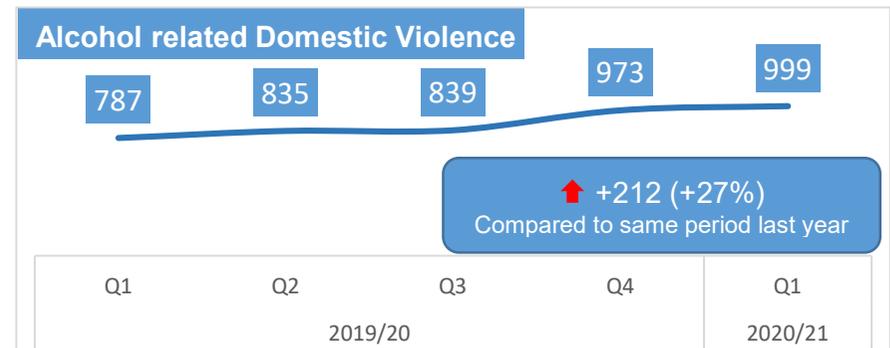
## (c) How well do we reduce misuse of drugs and alcohol and (d) tackle abuse of vulnerable people?



\*police figures only



**+441 (+ 76%)**  
 Compared to same period last year



(e) How do we keep our environment safe including roads and waterways?

**Road traffic accidents**



<b>All casualties</b>	<b>Children</b>
<b>183</b>	<b>21</b>
18 fatalities	0 fatalities
165 injuries	21 injuries
(1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020)	



## Key Performance Indicators – Data Tables (Quarter One 2020/21)

There are two types of performance indicators throughout this document:

- (a) Key target indicators – targets are set as improvements can be measured regularly and can be actively influenced by the council and its partners; and
- (b) Key tracker indicators – performance is tracked but no targets are set as they are long-term and/or can only be partially influenced by the council and its partners.

A guide is available which provides full details of indicator definitions and data sources for the 2019/20 corporate indicator set. This is available to view either internally from the intranet or can be requested from the Strategy Team at [performance@durham.gov.uk](mailto:performance@durham.gov.uk)

### KEY TO SYMBOLS

	Direction of travel	Benchmarking	Performance against target
<b>GREEN</b>	Same or better than comparable period	Same or better than comparable group	Meeting or exceeding target
<b>AMBER</b>	Worse than comparable period (within 2% tolerance)	Worse than comparable group (within 2% tolerance)	Performance within 2% of target
<b>RED</b>	Worse than comparable period (greater than 2%)	Worse than comparable group (greater than 2%)	Performance >2% behind target

### National Benchmarking

We compare our performance to all English authorities. The number of authorities varies according to the performance indicator and functions of councils, for example educational attainment is compared to county and unitary councils however waste disposal is compared to district and unitary councils.

### North East Benchmarking

The North East figure is the average performance from the authorities within the North East region, i.e. County Durham, Darlington, Gateshead, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside, Northumberland, Redcar and Cleveland, Stockton-On-Tees, South Tyneside, Sunderland.

More detail is available from the Strategy Team at [performance@durham.gov.uk](mailto:performance@durham.gov.uk)

## CONNECTED COMMUNITIES – SAFER

### How effective are we at tackling crime and disorder?

Ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Comparison to						Data updated this quarter
				Period target	12 months earlier	National figure	North East figure	Nearest statistical neighbour	Period covered if different	
77	First time entrants to the youth justice system aged 10 to 17 (per 100,000 population aged 10 to 17)	213	Oct 18 – Sep 19	Tracker	250	220	303	231		No
				N/a	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		
78	Overall crime rate per 1,000 population	20.18	Apr-Jun 2020	Tracker	25.8					Yes
				N/a	GREEN					
79	Rate of theft offences per 1,000 population	4.24	Apr-Jun 2020	Tracker	7.3					Yes
				N/a	GREEN					
80	Proportion of all offenders who re-offend in a 12 month period (%)	30.6	Apr-Jun 2019	Tracker	30.8	31.7	35.7	30.0	2016/17	Yes
				N/a	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	RED		
81	Proven re-offending by young people (who offend) in a 12 month period (%)	51.9	2017/18	Tracker	41.4	38.4	41.8			Yes
				N/a	RED	RED	RED			

## CONNECTED COMMUNITIES – SAFER

### How effective are we at tackling anti-social behaviour?

Ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Comparison to						Data updated this quarter
				Period target	12 months earlier	National figure	North East figure	Nearest statistical neighbour	Period covered if different	
82	Satisfaction with the way that the council and police are dealing with local concerns about ASB and crime issues in your area.	56.4	Mar 2020	Tracker	50.1			53.7	Jun 2019	No
				N/a	RED			RED		
593	Number of police reported incidents of anti-social behaviour	16,496	Jul 2019-Jun 2020	Tracker	13,573					Yes
				N/a	RED					

## CONNECTED COMMUNITIES – SAFER

### How effective are we at tackling anti-social behaviour?

Ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Comparison to						Data updated this quarter
				Period target	12 months earlier	National figure	North East figure	Nearest statistical neighbour	Period covered if different	
84	Number of council reported incidents of anti-social behaviour	13,174	Jul 2019-Jun 2020	Tracker	11,585					Yes
				N/a	GREEN					

## CONNECTED COMMUNITIES - SAFER

### How well do we reduce misuse of drugs and alcohol?

Ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Comparison to						Data updated this quarter
				Period target	12 months earlier	National figure	North East figure	Nearest statistical neighbour	Period covered if different	
85	% of successful completions of those in alcohol treatment	27.3	Oct 2018-Sep 2019*	28	32	37.9	30.7			No
				GREEN	RED	RED	RED			
86	% of successful completions of those in drug treatment - opiates	5.9	Apr 2019-Mar 2020*	6	5.5	5.7	4.0			No
				GREEN	GREEN	AMBER	GREEN			
87	% of successful completions of those in drug treatment - non-opiates	29.9	Oct 2018-Sep 2019*	26.4	29.2	34.2	26.2			No
				GREEN	GREEN	RED	GREEN			
88	% of anti-social behaviour incidents that are alcohol related	18.7	Apr-Jun 2020	Tracker	16.1					Yes
				N/a	RED					
89	% of violent crime that is alcohol related	32.6	Apr-Jun 2020	Tracker	17					Yes
				N/a	RED					
90	Alcohol seizures	194**	Apr-Jun 2018	Tracker	398					No
				N/a	GREEN					

\*with rep to March 2020

\*\*under review

## CONNECTED COMMUNITIES – SAFER

### How well do we tackle abuse of vulnerable people, including domestic abuse, child exploitation and radicalisation?

Ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Comparison to						Data updated this quarter
				Period target	12 months earlier	National figure	North East figure	Nearest statistical neighbour	Period covered if different	
91	Building resilience to terrorism (self-assessment). Score - level 1(low) to 5(high)	3*	2017/18	Tracker	3					No
				N/a	GREEN					
92	No of individuals with a referral for 1:1 CSE Support from Supporting Solutions Team**	41	Apr-Jun 2020	Tracker	New**					Yes
				N/a	N/a					

\*under review \*\* New definition – Includes all children - High/Medium/Low Risk (Previously only High-Risk referred to Supporting Solutions)

## CONNECTED COMMUNITIES - SAFER

### How do we keep our environment safe, including roads and waterways?

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				Period target	12 months earlier	National figure	North East figure	Nearest statistical neighbour	Period covered if different	
93	Number of people killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents - Number of fatalities - Number of seriously injured	171 17 154	Jul 2019- Jun 2020	Tracker	209					Yes
				N/a	GREEN					
					16 193					
94	Number of children killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents - Number of fatalities - Number of seriously injured	22 0 22	Jul 2019- Jun 2020	Tracker	28					Yes
				N/a	GREEN					
					0 28					

## Other Additional Relevant Indicators

LONG AND INDEPENDENT LIVES										
Are children, young people and families in receipt of universal services appropriately supported?										
Ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Comparison to						Data updated this quarter
				Period target	12 months earlier	National figure	North East figure	Nearest statistical neighbour	Period covered if different	
27	Alcohol specific hospital admissions for under 18s (rate per 100,000)	54.7	2016/17-2018/19	Tracker	53.1	31.6	60.0			No
				N/a	RED	RED	GREEN			
28	Young people aged 10-24 admitted to hospital as a result of self-harm (rate per 100,000)	354.3	2018/19	Tracker	350.1	444.0	536.5			No
				N/a	AMBER	GREEN	GREEN			

LONG AND INDEPENDENT LIVES										
Are our services improving the health of our residents?										
Ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Comparison to						Data updated this quarter
				Period target	12 months earlier	National figure	North East figure	Nearest statistical neighbour	Period covered if different	
41	Suicide rate (deaths from suicide and injury of undetermined intent) per 100,000 population	12.8	2016-18	Tracker	12.0	9.6	11.3	11.6		No
				N/a	RED	RED	RED	RED		

## LONG AND INDEPENDENT LIVES

### Are people needing adult social care supported to live safe, healthy and independent lives?

Ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Comparison to						Data updated this quarter
				Period target	12 months earlier	National figure	North East figure	Nearest statistical neighbour	Period covered if different	
49	% of individuals who achieved their desired outcomes from the adult safeguarding process	94.5	Apr-Jun 2020	Tracker	95.7	92.4	93.9	93.5*	2018/19	Yes
				N/a	<b>AMBER</b>	Not comparable	Not comparable	Not comparable		

\*unitary authorities

## Key Performance Indicators – Data Tables (Quarter Four 2019/20)

There are two types of performance indicators throughout this document:

- (c) Key target indicators – targets are set as improvements can be measured regularly and can be actively influenced by the council and its partners; and
- (d) Key tracker indicators – performance is tracked but no targets are set as they are long-term and/or can only be partially influenced by the council and its partners.

A guide is available which provides full details of indicator definitions and data sources for the 2019/20 corporate indicator set. This is available to view either internally from the intranet or can be requested from the Strategy Team at [performance@durham.gov.uk](mailto:performance@durham.gov.uk)

### KEY TO SYMBOLS

	Direction of travel	Benchmarking	Performance against target
<b>GREEN</b>	Same or better than comparable period	Same or better than comparable group	Meeting or exceeding target
<b>AMBER</b>	Worse than comparable period (within 2% tolerance)	Worse than comparable group (within 2% tolerance)	Performance within 2% of target
<b>RED</b>	Worse than comparable period (greater than 2%)	Worse than comparable group (greater than 2%)	Performance >2% behind target

### National Benchmarking

We compare our performance to all English authorities. The number of authorities varies according to the performance indicator and functions of councils, for example educational attainment is compared to county and unitary councils however waste disposal is compared to district and unitary councils.

### North East Benchmarking

The North East figure is the average performance from the authorities within the North East region, i.e. County Durham, Darlington, Gateshead, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside, Northumberland, Redcar and Cleveland, Stockton-On-Tees, South Tyneside, Sunderland.

More detail is available from the Strategy Team at [performance@durham.gov.uk](mailto:performance@durham.gov.uk)

## CONNECTED COMMUNITIES – SAFER

### How effective are we at tackling crime and disorder?

Ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Comparison to						Data updated this quarter
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77	First time entrants to the youth justice system aged 10 to 17 (per 100,000 population aged 10 to 17)	213	Oct 18 – Sep 19	Tracker	250	220	303	231		Yes
				N/a	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN		
78	Overall crime rate per 1,000 population	97.8	2019/20	Tracker	98	89.5		93.7		Yes
				N/a	GREEN	GREEN		RED		
79	Rate of theft offences per 1,000 population	27.6	2019/20	Tracker	28.3	29.7		32.2		Yes
				N/a	GREEN	GREEN		GREEN		
80	Proportion of all offenders who re-offend in a 12 month period (%)	31.7	2017/18	Tracker	30.8	29.2	35.7	30.0	2016/17	Yes
				N/a	RED	RED	GREEN	RED		
81	Proven re-offending by young people (who offend) in a 12 month period (%)	51.9	2017/18	Tracker	41.4	38.4	41.8			Yes
				N/a	RED	RED	RED			

## CONNECTED COMMUNITIES – SAFER

### How effective are we at tackling anti-social behaviour?

Ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Comparison to						Data updated this quarter
				Period target	12 months earlier	National figure	North East figure	Nearest statistical neighbour	Period covered if different	
82	Satisfaction with the way that the council and police are dealing with local concerns about ASB and crime issues in your area.	56.4	Mar 2020	Tracker	50.1			53.7	Jun 2019	Yes
				N/a	RED			RED		
83	Number of police reported incidents of anti-social behaviour	14,626	2019/20	Tracker	13,908					Yes
				N/a	RED					

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84	Number of council reported incidents of anti-social behaviour	13,356	2019/20	Tracker	11,318					Yes
				N/a	RED					

## CONNECTED COMMUNITIES – SAFER

### How well do we reduce misuse of drugs and alcohol?

Ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Comparison to						Data updated this quarter
				Period target	12 months earlier	National figure	North East figure	Nearest statistical neighbour	Period covered if different	
85	% of successful completions of those in alcohol treatment	27.3	Oct 2018-Sep 2019*	28	32	37.9	30.7			Yes
				GREEN	RED	RED	RED			
86	% of successful completions of those in drug treatment - opiates	5.9	Apr 2019-Mar 2020*	6	5.5	5.7	4.0			Yes
				GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN			
87	% of successful completions of those in drug treatment - non-opiates	29.0	Oct 2018-Sep 2019*	26.4	29.2	34.2	26.2			Yes
				GREEN	GREEN	RED	GREEN			
88	% of anti-social behaviour incidents that are alcohol related	15.0	Jan-Mar 2020	Tracker	17.6					Yes
				N/a	GREEN					
89	% of violent crime that is alcohol related	31.1	Jan-Mar 2020	Tracker	27.2					Yes
				N/a	RED					
90	Alcohol seizures	194**	Apr-Jun 2018	Tracker	398					No
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				N/a	<b>AMBER</b>					
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94	Number of children killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents - Number of fatalities - Number of seriously injured	30 0 30	2019/20	Tracker	21					Yes
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**Safer and Stronger Communities  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
22 September 2020**



**Refresh of the Work Programme  
2020/21 for Safer and Stronger  
Communities OSC**

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**Report of John Hewitt, Corporate Director of Resources**

**Electoral division(s) affected:**

None

**Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To provide the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (SSC OSC) with an updated work programme for 2020/21.

**Executive summary**

- 2 Overview and Scrutiny work programmes are designed to be flexible to accommodate items which may arise throughout the year. For 2020/21 this flexibility is essential to enable the scrutiny function to respond to the changing landscape of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3 The proposed SSC OSC work programme has been framed around COVID-19 and in the context of the new shared County Durham vision 2035 which has been developed with partners around three strategic ambitions – ‘more and better jobs’, ‘long and independent lives’ and ‘connected communities’.
- 4 The SSC OSC work programme has been developed to reflect new powers which enable local government meetings to be held remotely during this period. Holding virtual meetings has prompted us to consider how best to carry out the scrutiny role in these new and challenging circumstances.

**Recommendations**

- 5 Members of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee are requested to:
  - a) Receive and comment on the proposed work programme for 2020/21.
  - b) Agree the work programme for 2020/21 as attached at appendix 2 and the flexibility it offers to respond to emerging issues.

## Background

- 6 Scrutiny has adapted to the unprecedented situation of a global pandemic with a flexible and pragmatic approach to the 2020/21 work programme. New regulations enable committee meetings to be held remotely and formal scrutiny meetings will be held virtually for the foreseeable future.
- 7 To assist with the new approach to meetings we propose to keep agendas short to ensure meeting time is focussed on those matters which are the highest priority. Where agreed by the Committee, regular overview reports will instead be circulated separately via email for comment and information. We hope by doing so, we can help make progress of moving meetings on-line as smooth as possible and manage our workload efficiently and effectively.
- 8 As we all become more familiar with holding remote meetings, we will review our agendas and work programmes with the Chair and Vice Chair and make any necessary changes in consultation with the Committee.
- 9 This prioritisation of the work programme will enable the scrutiny function to operate flexibly and take into consideration any changing national, regional or local responses to COVID-19 pandemic.
- 10 The overview and scrutiny committee's work programmes are informed by:
  - County Durham Vision 2035
  - Council Plan
  - Cabinet's Notice of Key Decisions
  - Partnership Plans and Strategies
  - Performance and Budgetary control data
  - Changes in government legislation
  - Key questions for improving performance.
- 11 In addition, scrutiny work programmes are informed by the four priorities of Inspire, the Council's Transformation Programme:
  - Redesign our services to better meet the customer's need at reduced cost to the Council
  - Help communities become more resilient and self-reliant
  - To move our partnership working from good to great
  - To become renowned for our skilled and flexible workforce and our employee engagement.

## Safer and Stronger Communities OSC

- 12 In addition to providing a scrutiny role for activity of the council, SSC OSC is the designated Crime and Disorder Committee for the purposes of Part 3 of the Police and Justice Act 2006. The Committee is therefore responsible for scrutinising the work of the Safe Durham Partnership.
- 13 At its meeting in January 2020, the Committee responded to consultation of the draft Safe Durham Partnership Plan. Following publication of the plan, the Committee's work programme is to accommodate associated actions within the plan.
- 14 During 2019/20 the Committee has undertaken review activity, systematic review of progress on recommendations from previous scrutiny reviews, responded to consultations, undertaken performance monitoring and considered overview presentations and reports in relation to the following areas:
  - (a) Scrutiny Review
    - (i) Road Safety Strategy
    - (ii) Children's Residential Care Homes (Joint review with Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee)
  - (b) Systematic review
    - (i) Recommendations contained in the Retail Support Scrutiny Review
    - (ii) Cybercrime
  - (c) Overview activity
    - (i) Domestic Abuse
    - (ii) Open Water Safety and City Safety Group
    - (iii) Alcohol and Drug Harm Reduction Strategy Group
    - (iv) County Durham Youth Justice Service – Youth Justice Plan 2019-2021
    - (v) Modern Slavery
    - (vi) Drug and Alcohol Recovery Service
    - (vii) Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015
    - (viii) Consumer Protection Enforcement and Intervention Activity
    - (ix) Quarterly Performance Reports
    - (x) Police and Crime Panel activity

(d) Consultations

- (i) County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Services Integrated Risk Management Plan – Three Year Consultation
- (ii) Draft Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2020-2025
- (iii) County Durham and Darlington Road Safety Strategy

## **Police and Crime Panel**

- 15 The Committee has a joint working arrangement with the Durham Police and Crime Panel (PCP) that is crucial to provide a communication between the PCP and the Committee. This arrangement includes receiving update reports from the PCP at each Committee meeting and prior to undertaking an in-depth study into a crime and disorder issue, discussion takes place between both the Chairs of the PCP and Committee and Secretariat to avoid duplication of effort and resources.

## **Areas for Consideration in the SSC OSC Work Programme**

- 16 Members of the SSC OSC are asked to agree the proposed work programme for 2020/21 that has been prepared and is attached at appendix two. The work programme is very comprehensive drawing on topical areas across the remit of the committee and it should be noted that it is also flexible.
- 17 The work programme includes an indication of those reports which will be considered by SSC OSC at a remote meeting and those which will be circulated to members. The dates when reports are taken to SSC OSC or circulated may flex with the additional demands on and the capacity of services during the COVID-19 response period.

## **Main implications**

### *Crime and Disorder*

- 18 Information with this report aims to contribute to activity to reducing crime and disorder within the county.

## **Conclusion**

- 19 The work programme identifies areas of work that fall within the remit of SSC OSC and is flexible in its delivery.

## **Background papers**

- None

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Legal Implications**

Not applicable

### **Finance**

Not applicable

### **Consultation**

Not applicable

### **Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty**

Not applicable

### **Human Rights**

Not applicable

### **Climate Change**

Not applicable

### **Crime and Disorder**

Information with this report aims to contribute to activity to reducing crime and disorder within the county.

### **Staffing**

Not applicable

### **Accommodation**

Not applicable

### **Risk**

The Overview and Scrutiny work programme is an important element of the Council's governance and risk management arrangements.

### **Procurement**

Not applicable

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<p><b>Overview and Scrutiny Draft Work Programme 2020/21</b></p> <p>Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p><b>Lead Officer:</b> Tom Gorman</p> <p><b>Overview and Scrutiny Officer:</b> Jonathan Slee</p> <p><b>IPG Contact:</b> Andrea Petty</p>	<p>Note:</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Review – A systematic six monthly review of progress against recommendations/action plan</p> <p>Scrutiny/Working Group – In-depth review/light touch review</p> <p>Overview/progress – Information on an issue; opportunity to comment, shape, influence, progress with a scrutiny review</p> <p>Performance/Budget – Ongoing quarterly monitoring performance reports/budgets</p>
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O/S Review					
Scrutiny/Working Group (light touch / in-depth review)					
Overview/Progress					

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Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Group (DASVEG) Action Plan	September 2020	Report to SSC OSC	Jeanne Trotter Chair DASVEG	Members are to consider a report on activity of the Safe Durham Partnership DASVEG.	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence is a key area within the SDP Plan and report will include impact of COVID 19.
Impact of COVID 19 on Community Safety Partners	September 2020	Report/presentation to SSC OSC	Keith Wanley Chair of SDP	Members will receive details on the impact of COVID 19 on partners within the SDP.	Members will be made aware of the impact of COVID 19 and key priorities for the SDP.
Open Water Safety	September 2020	Briefing to be circulated to SSC OSC members	Kevin Lough	Members will receive a progress update on activity on Open Water Safety within the County.	Information will build upon the report and presentation to the Committee's meeting in September 2019.

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Hate Crime	20 November 2020	Report to SSC	Jeanne Trotter	To consider and comment on progress of the County Durham & Darlington Hate Crime Action Group	Report to provide progress from item presented at November 2019 SSC OSC.
Environmental Health & Consumer Protection Enforcement Activities	20 November 2020	Report to SSC OSC	Owen Cleugh	Report on intelligence led enforcement activity in relation to reduce door step crime, rogue traders and supply of illicit, counterfeit and age restricted products	Annual progress report to SSC OSC

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ASB	20 November 2020	Report to SSC OSC	Joanne Waller	To inform members of the development of the SDP ASB Strategy, performance levels and progress on ASB initiatives within the County.	
County Durham Youth Justice Services - Annual report and Service Improvement Plan	November 2020	Report to SSC OSC	Martyn Stenton/Dave Summers	To appraise members on activity of the Youth Justice Services.	
Probation Services	4 January 2021(TBC)	Report to SSC OSC	National Probation Service (NPS) & County Durham and Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC)	Members will receive detail of progress on the reform and future delivery of probation services that are to be introduced from April 2021.	

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County Durham & Darlington Fire and Rescue Service (CDDFRS) Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP)	4 January 2021 (TBC)	Report to SSC OSC	CDDFRS	Members to consider and provide a response to the IRMP	
County Durham and Darlington Reducing Re-offending Group	4 January 2021 (TBC)	Report to SSC OSC	Jeanne Trotter	To consider and comment on progress of the Reducing reoffending group.	Identified as a key area within the Safe Durham Partnership Plan.
Substance Misuse Services	4 January 2021(TBC)	Report to SSC OSC	Jane Sunter	Report to receive information on delivery of substance misuse services within County Durham	Key area within the SDP Plan
Draft Safe Durham Partnership Plan	12 February 2021 (TBC)	Report to SSC OSC	Andrea Petty	To provide comment provide comment on draft SDP plan.	

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Prevent - Counter Terrorism and Prevention of Violent Extremism	12 February 2021 (TBC)	Report to SSC OSC	Safe Durham Partnership Lead	Members to receive the Annual Prevent Report including Counter Terrorism and Prevention of Violent Extremism	
Modern Slavery	February	Briefing report	Heidi Gibson	To receive information on the partnership approach and learning opportunities to tackling modern day slavery.	Briefing note to provide update from report to SSC OSC in November 2019.
Cybercrime	23 March 2021 (TBC)	Report to SSC OSC	SDP Cybercrime Lead	To provide Members with details on the partnership's approach to prevent and tackling cybercrime.	Report to build on progress on presentation from OSC meeting in February 2020 and the Committee's previous review.
<b>Performance</b>					

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<b>Performance</b> Quarterly reporting	Sept 2020. Jan 2021 March 2021 TBC	Report circulated to SSC OSC	Tom Gorman  (Resources)	To provide members with progress towards achieving the key outcomes of the council's corporate performance framework	Summary information to Members

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