



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

Date Monday 23 March 2015
Time 9.30 am
Venue Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham

Business

Part A

Items during which the Press and Public are welcome to attend. Members of the Public can ask questions with the Chairman's agreement.

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Substitute Members
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6. Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015: (Pages 9 - 18)
Report of the Deputy Chief Constable, Durham Constabulary.
7. Cybercrime: (Pages 19 - 22)
 - (i) Report of the Assistant Chief Executive.
 - (ii) Presentation by DCI V Fuller, Durham Constabulary.
8. Quarter 3 2014/15 Performance Management Report:
(Pages 23 - 36)
Report of the Assistant Chief Executive – presented by the Strategic Manager Performance and Information Manager, Children and Adults Services.
9. Draft Council Plan 2015-2018 - Refresh of the Work Programme:
(Pages 37 - 50)
Report of the Assistant Chief Executive.

10. Overview and Scrutiny Review Activity - Verbal Update:
 - Organised Crime.
 - 20 mph Zones and Limits.
11. Police and Crime Panel: (Pages 51 - 54)
Report of the Assistant Chief Executive.
12. Safe Durham Partnership:
Verbal update by the Community Safety Manager, Children and Adults Services.
13. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

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County Hall
Durham
13 March 2015

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

Councillor D Boyes (Chairman)
Councillor T Nearney (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors J Armstrong, J Charlton, P Conway, J Cordon, M Davinson, S Forster, J Gray, C Hampson, B Harrison, M Hodgson, G Holland, J Maitland, N Martin, J Measor, K Shaw, W Stelling, P Stradling, J Turnbull and C Wilson

Co-opted Members: Mr A J Cooke and Mr J Welch

Co-opted Employees/Officers: S Errington and Chief Superintendent G Hall

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 16 February 2015** at **9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor D Boyes (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors J Armstrong, J Charlton, P Conway, S Forster, C Hampson, M Hodgson, G Holland, N Martin, T Nearney, K Shaw, P Stradling, J Turnbull and C Wilson

Co-opted Members:

Mr A J Cooke and Mr J Welch

Co-opted Employees/Officers:

Chief Superintendent G Hall and Mr K Wanley (County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Cordon, M Davinson, J Maitland and Mr S Errington.

2 Substitute Members

There were no Substitute Members in attendance.

3 Minutes of the Meeting held 6 January 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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 (for copy see file of minutes). The articles included an article relating to a County Durham man avoiding jail after admitting being behind illegal money lending. The second related to the cyber crime initiative which was being launched by Durham Constabulary and linking in with the Safe Durham Partnership. The final article related to the sale of alcohol in Durham pubs and actions which may be taken following a number of student deaths in the River Wear.

Resolved:

That the presentation be noted.

7 Progress of Initiatives and Enforcement Activity undertaken by the Consumer Protection Team

The Committee received a report and presentation of the Corporate Director Neighbourhood Services which provided an update on the enforcement and intervention work carried out by the Consumer Protection team (for copy of report and slides of presentation see file of minutes).

The Consumer Protection Manager provided an update in respect of:-

- 5 new 'no cold calling zones' which covered approximately 600 properties.
- Scams – National and International general mailing scams.
- Think Jessica – adopted in Durham. Working with those victims of scam letters and those who had lost money to scam letters. The average age of those who had been scammed was 78.
- Intelligence – targeting resources in a better way. Fortnightly tasking meeting taking place using information from CAB in order to develop the control strategy.
- Doorstep crime – National priority for 10th year in a row. Reference to court case for rogue roofing work, secured a guilty plea. Media interest had also been generated from this case and the work of Consumer Protection.
- E-Crime – Massive growth area. Investigation ongoing regarding organised crime group who had been taking money under false pretences. It was noted that it was very easy for criminals to disguise who they were when online and were often using selling platforms such as facebook, twitter and LinkedIn.
- Counterfeit Goods – high value. Items such as branded clothing and GHD straighteners being seized from an address in the County.
- Overloaded vehicles – causing increased damage to the highway.
- Illicit Tobacco – counterfeit and smuggled tobacco which did not comply with UK labelling requirements. Work was being undertaken using tobacco dogs to find hidden cigarettes in properties which were under suspicion.
- In addition there was increased availability of un-regulated supplies of alcohol and tobacco which fed organised crime groups.
- Availability to children was also a concern for the team and reference was made to work which was being undertaken to seize goods from those selling to children. 'A' boards were being placed outside properties where illicit goods had been seized and leaflets were being placed through doors in the vicinity to make them aware of the outcome of the raid.

- Underage sales –working with retailers undertaking training to provide them with the techniques and tools in order to deal with those trying to buy alcohol who are underage.
- Seizing alcohol – more compliance testing being undertaken.
- Fireworks – a significant amount of bangers had been seized in East Durham which had been banned over 10 years ago.
- Licensing enforcement – focussing resources on licenced and performing vehicle spot checks.
- Scrap Metal – recent prosecution, changing dynamics and increased enforcement. During the period, 48 vehicles had been stopped for compliance issues. It was also noted that some scrap collectors were using concealed vehicles which meant it was harder to identify those illegal dealers.

Councillor Nearney asked whether the authority were working with partners authorities in order to tackle scrap metal theft. The Consumer Protection Manager advised that work was being done on a regional basis to tackle these issues. It was further asked whether there was capacity within the team in order to get cases through to court and secure prosecutions. In response the Consumer Protection Manager advised that the team would benefit from increased resources however they were in their current form managing to progress cases through to prosecution where possible. It was further noted that co-location of the police, Alcohol Harm Reduction Unit and the council's consumer protection team was working well.

Councillor Conway added that he would like to commend the work of the team and further suggested that it would be useful to provide details at future meeting of the number of cases being processed. He further asked, in relation to paragraph 19 of the report and online shopping, at what level this was being looked nationally. In response the Consumer Protection Manager advised that details relating to trends could be reported back to a future meeting. In relation to online shopping it was noted that national e-crime was the focus of a government initiative.

Councillor Holland commented that he had noted that extra capacity within the team would be beneficial and asked whether money from the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) could be drawn upon to fund additional posts. In response the Consumer Protection Manager advised that unfortunately the Proceeds of Crime Act was not a regular funding stream and therefore it was not possible to fund posts this way, however it could be utilised to fund equipment and other aspects of the teams work.

In conclusion the Chief Superintendent commented that he wished to congratulate the team on their work and furthermore had found the co-location of staff to be extremely beneficial.

Resolved:

That the content of the report and presentation be noted.

8 Alcohol Harm Reduction - Strategy Consultation and Update

The Committee received a report and presentation of the Director of Public Health which provided an update on progress of the implementation of the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy 2012-15 and to consult Members on the proposals for the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy 2015-17 for County Durham (for copy of report and presentation see file of minutes).

The Alcohol Harm Reduction Coordinator proceeded to run through the presentation which highlighted:

- A unanimous council decision to support action to be taken on alcohol harm at a national level.
- What was currently known to work in achieving a reduction in alcohol harm, and
- What could be done locally.

Further details were then reported with regards to the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy 2015-2017 which would run parallel with the County Durham Drug Strategy which covered the same period. It was explained that the strategy was focussed around the five Altogether themes which underpinned the County Durham Partnership, Safer, Healthier, Better for Children and Young People, Wealthier and Greener and would lead to 6 main objectives as detailed within paragraph 7 of the report.

The Alcohol Harm Reduction Coordinator in conclusion advised that extensive consultation process was currently taking place and was scheduled to be completed by the end of April 2015.

Members were then asked whether they considered the proposed objectives to be correct and what further could be done to reduce alcohol related harm.

Councillor Turnbull made reference to licences for all night garages and how the current Licensing Act gave the presumption to grant. He added that in his opinion these licences did lead to a lot of problems and felt that as long as those establishments were trading these problems would not cease to exist.

It was noted that although there was a presumption to grant action was taken on any complaints made.

Councillor Nearney commented that there was unfortunately a number of domestic abuse cases fuelled by alcohol and asked whether there was any other agencies who the team worked with. In response it was noted that the council worked with a number of third sector organisations.

Further discussion took place regarding the volume of alcohol being drunk by young people and in particular the problems that were being seen in Durham City. Councillor Martin commented that a review of licences should be undertaken as many bars and clubs within the city were selling quadruple measures which lead to wreckless drinking. He further queried whether it was accurate that the Council had granted £50,000 to the University in order to assist with their current campaign. In response it was reported that Public Health had granted £50,000, however this had been directly to the Students Union for a three year peer led initiative which would seek to bring about cultural change amongst students. A review of the university alcohol policy would also be undertaken.

Councillor Holland further commented that the café culture that was envisaged by extending opening hours was in fact a naïve vision, which has led to increased drinking and associated trouble and accidents. He agreed that far more restrictive licensing legislation was required in order to combat these problems as had been done with restrictive smoking.

Further debate took place regarding the availability of cheap alcohol including that which could be purchased from supermarkets. Councillor Armstrong commented that minimum price was a must and should be reviewed further.

Councillor Blakey made a comment regarding licenced premises near schools and whether anything could be done to prevent these premises selling alcohol. It was noted that the Licensing Committee should be considering these factors at the application stage.

Further discussion ensued regarding student tenancy agreements within the city and it was suggested that landlords could be encouraged to make their agreements more stringent in order to reduce problems with drinking in student accommodation.

In conclusion it was noted that all the comments made would be fed in to the consultation.

Resolved:

- (i) That the content of the report be noted.
- (ii) That a response to the consultation from the Chairman contains comments from the Committee be submitted to the Alcohol Harm Reduction Coordinator.

9 Draft Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2015/18

The Committee received a report of the Head of Planning and Service Strategy which presented for information the draft safe Durham Partnership Plan 2015/18 (for copy see file of minutes).

The Community Safety Manager advised that the objectives of the plan were detailed in paragraph 8 of the report. Initial feedback from consultation had shown that there was general support for the strategic priorities with the following being considered as particularly important:

- Perceptions of crime and disorder
- Road safety
- Alcohol misuse and the potential positive impact that Minimum Unit Pricing would have.
- Early intervention with young people and families
- Domestic abuse but that the Plan needs strengthening on the links to sexual violence
- Hate crime but that the plan needed strengthening on how it was being prevented.

In addition it was reported that following Overview's and Scrutiny's comments regarding the increased use of 'legal highs' and the negative impact upon people and communities, this had now been included within the draft plan.

Councillor Boyes commented that he was pleased to see the inclusion of the issue of 'legal highs'.

Chief Superintendent Hall further commented that was a minor omission on page 14 of the draft and the Fire Service should be included. It was further suggested that the involvement of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee be acknowledged within the plan.

The Head of Planning and Service Strategy added that it was a good experience to have gone out to AAPs during consultation and also thanked the committee for their valuable input into the process.

In conclusion the Community Safety Manager advised that following sign off by the Board at its meeting in March the Plan would be considered by Cabinet and finally adopted by Full Council on 22 July 2015.

Resolved:

That the content of the report be noted and that a response on the Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2015/18 be forwarded to the appropriate Officer by no later than 2 March 2015.

10 Overview and Scrutiny Activity - Verbal Update

The Committee received a verbal update by the Overview and Scrutiny Officer regarding current scrutiny activity.

The Overview and Scrutiny officer advised that:

- (i) Organised Crime – the last evidence gathering meeting had now taken place and a date would soon to be circulated to members for a meeting to consider the draft report. It was noted that this may take place following the next meeting in March 2015.
- (ii) 20mph Zones and Limits – a draft project plan and scoping document was being developed and the review would be commencing shortly.
- (iii) Substance Misuse Treatment Centres – it was reported that the Contract for services would be awarded in April with services then being provided across the County.

Councillor Armstrong raised a query regarding meeting schedules and whether there would be any impact upon Purdah legislation. In response it was reported that the next meeting was scheduled to take place prior to the commencement of purdah.

Resolved:

That the content of the update be noted.

11 Police and Crime Panel

The Committee received a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which provided Members of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with progress of the Police and Crime Panel (PCP) for the Durham Constabulary Force area (for copy see file of minutes).

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer noted that issues raised were as follows:

- Consultation on Council Tax Police Precept 2015/16
- Mutual Gain Initiative
- Commissioning Activity
- Review of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Police and Crime Panel – Memorandum of Understanding/Partnership Working Agreement
- Joint working arrangements between the Police and Crime Panel and Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

Councillor Boyes commented that the 1.9% increase in the council tax which had been agreed was equivalent to around 5p extra per week on a Band A property. With regard to Mutual gain he added that he wished to congratulate the Chief Superintendent on the success on the initiative and the impact it had had upon our communities.

Councillor Forster commented that the initiative had been of great success in her community and residents were now working well with police and partners.

Resolved:

That the content of the report be noted.

12 Safe Durham Partnership Update

The Committee considered a report of the Head of Planning and Service Strategy which provided a summary on the key issues raised at the January Safe Durham Partnership Board (for copy see file of minutes).

The Community Safety Officer advised that paragraph 5 of the report provided a snapshot of performance and the work currently taking place. Further details were reported with regard to Counter Terrorism and the Security Bill 2015 and Offender Checkpoint. Full details were included with the report.

Resolved:

That the content of the report be noted.

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

23 March 2015

Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015



Safe Durham Partnership

**Report of Michael Banks, Deputy Chief Constable, Durham
Constabulary**

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to present Safer and Stronger Overview & Scrutiny Committee with details of the progress of the Altogether Safer priority, 'Counter Terrorism and Prevention of Violent Extremism' and the implications of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

Background

2. Government sets the level of threat to the UK from terrorism using five levels:
 - low - an attack is unlikely
 - moderate - an attack is possible but not likely
 - substantial - an attack is a strong possibility
 - **severe** - an attack is highly likely (**current level of threat**)
 - critical - an attack is expected imminently
3. The government's counter terrorism strategy is called CONTEST. The aim of CONTEST is to reduce the risk to the UK and its interests overseas from terrorism. The CONTEST strategy has four objectives:
 - PURSUE - To stop terrorist attacks (the remit of the police and security services)
 - PREVENT - To stop people becoming or supporting violent extremists
 - PREPARE - Where we cannot stop an attack, to mitigate its impact
 - PROTECT - To strengthen our overall protection against terrorist attacks
4. Intelligence indicates that a terrorist attack in our country is 'highly likely'. Experience shows that the threat comes not just from foreign nationals but also from terrorists born and bred in Britain. The purpose of PREVENT is to:
 - Respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it.
 - Prevent people being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support.
 - Work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation which we need to address.

5. The national PREVENT strategy is particularly targeted at local authorities working in partnership with police, fire, health, education, criminal justice agencies and others.
6. In 2009 Durham Constabulary and Durham County Council (DCC) developed a multi-agency group to respond to the Government's PREVENT Strategy. The group was joined by Darlington and is now referred to as the Durham and Darlington CONTEST Silver group. That same year the Safe Durham Partnership identified Counter Terrorism as a priority theme.
7. Over the coming years, the CONTEST Silver group adapted to changes to the Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy and put in place arrangements to provide a robust response to the PREVENT, PREPARE and PROTECT objectives.
8. Local governance arrangements ensure a local multi-agency Gold (Chief Executive) group receives an annual briefing in order to understand the threat level and provide direction in terms of our response to it. A multi-agency Bronze group meets to ensure that operational responses align across the key agencies. The CONTEST Silver group contributes to the Safe Durham Partnership Action Plan, along with the other six thematic groups.

Current Position

9. The CONTEST Silver group has developed its 2014/17 Action Plan and is in the process of commissioning the annual Counter Terrorism Local Profile. Some of our achievements up to, and including, this period include:

Prevent

- Partnership commissioned Counter Terrorism Local Profile.
- Close working relationship with North East Counter Terrorist Unit.
- Delivery of interactive theatre productions to Colleges across the county.
- Implementation of a local Colleges Forum to share best practice.
- Staff awareness-raising to help recognise the signals that someone may be vulnerable to being drawn into any form of terrorism delivered across health, the fire service, council, police, prisons, probation and many more.
- Development of a bespoke Channel process which involves the referral of those vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism to a multi-agency group.
- 2 Prevent Seminars at the Durham Centre (Local Resilience Forum) and Durham County Council Chambers (Safe Durham Partnership).
- Council Intranet page including awareness raising products such as the Prevent E-learning package developed by the council and police and shared across the region and with parts of South Yorkshire.

Protect

- Developed and distributed the Trust Your Instincts DVD.
- Delivered 4 Project Griffin events across County Durham to advise and familiarise business managers, security officers and employees of public and private sector organisations across County Durham on security, counter-terrorism and crime prevention issues.

- Delivered 6 Project Argus events across the Force area; providing local retailers with an interactive counter-terrorism tabletop exercise to put business in the midst of a simulated terrorist attack as a multi-media experience.
- Over 70,000 communications delivered to public sector staff, businesses and the public by Counter Terrorism Security Advisers during Counter Terrorism Awareness Week (Nov 2014).

Prepare

- Testing, training and exercising for emergency plans.
- Developed best practice in emergency planning validation.
- Established the revised 'Public, Information and Media' group to deliver on behalf of the LRF (Local Resilience Forum) and promote both local and national resilience.
- National Resilience Extranet and protocols established as the embedded mechanisms for sharing classified information between emergency responders.
- Developed a Critical Infrastructure Plan for locations not covered under current arrangements.
- Operation Archer Event held at Police HQ - a consequence management police and partner table top exercise delivered by the Prevent Development Unit in the presence of media colleagues.
- Introduced National Inter Agency Liaison Officers within County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service.

Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015

10. Events surrounding the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (the region incorporating Jordan, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Cyprus and part of southern Turkey) have led to the UK Government raising the UK Threat Level to Severe. The terrorist organisation is also referred to as IS (Islamic State) and ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria). ISIL is the English interpretation of the organisations Arabic name and is the term afforded to it by Western Governments as it reflects the organisations ambition to erect a state throughout the Middle East.
11. In response to the growing threat the Government introduced the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015. The act will be accompanied by statutory guidance. The Safe Durham Partnership and the wider Contest group have provided feedback on the draft guidance and have been engaged with the progress of the guidance at national level. As a result we can be confident in terms of what the impact of the new duty will be to individual agencies and to our partnership arrangements.

General duty on specified authorities

12. The Act places a general duty on each specified authority who must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. Specified Authorities are:
 - Local Authorities
 - Police

- Prisons
 - Probation
 - Education, Further Education & Higher Education
 - NHS Trusts/Foundation Trusts
 - Clinical Commissioning Groups
13. Government guidance indicates that it does not envisage the new duty creating large new burdens and intends the duty to be implemented in a proportionate and risk-based way.
 14. Each specified authority will be expected to demonstrate an awareness and understanding of the risk of radicalisation in their area, institution or body. No area will be deemed as risk free. Durham Constabulary, and members of the local Contest Silver group, commissions an annual Counter Terrorism Local Profile to identify risk and make recommendations to mitigate them. This generates actions that appear in the local CONTEST Action Plan.

Local Authorities

15. Local Authorities are expected to lead a partnership approach to comply with their duty.
16. The local CONTEST Silver group is represented by all those institutions identified as 'specified authorities'.
17. As with all specified authorities, the Local Authority will be expected to ensure front-line staff have a good understanding of Prevent, are trained to recognise vulnerability to being drawn into terrorism and know how to respond.
18. Awareness-raising has seen significant efforts targeted at front-line staff within the council, health, prisons and probation, fire service, colleges, registered social landlords and many others. Further work will be required to extend awareness of PREVENT, using existing resources; such as e-learning.
19. Our response to the consultation:
 - Training of, and awareness-raising to, front line staff and associated costs across partner agencies could be significant and will take time to achieve. The scope of the guidance presents a real burden on a LA of this size. The burden this represents comes at a time when budgets are coming under pressure. It is suggested that Local Authorities will need new burdens funding in taking on these new duties.
 - Our Clinical Commissioning Group mirror concerns of many of our partners in terms of their staff having the confidence, knowledge and skills to challenge extremist viewpoints. It also raises an important issue in terms of having the confidence to understand when it is safe to do so.
20. Local Authorities will have to ensure publicly owned venues do not provide a platform for extremists and are not used to disseminate extremist views. This has not been an issue for County Durham; however DCC will communicate the requirement to staff responsible for managing its estate.

21. The Act requires Local Authorities to create, chair and manage a multi-agency group to receive referrals of those suspected of being vulnerable to radicalisation and will occur within a pre-criminal space. This is an existing responsibility for priority funded areas (DCC is not one of these) and is called 'Channel'.
22. The Channel process is as follows:
 - A professional or member of the public will refer someone they believe may be vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism to the police.
 - The police will carry out screening to ensure there are reasonable grounds to believe the individual is vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism within a pre-criminal space. Once satisfied, they will refer to the multi-agency panel.
 - The panel will assess whether the referral meets the criteria for referral.
 - Where an individual is deemed to require support, which can be specialist in nature, the panel will provide it under a prescribed support plan. It will be required to review and carry out further assessments where required.
23. Membership of the group will include the council and police, with others being invited where necessary. It will be based at LA area and not Police Force area. Information sharing is also placed on a statutory footing. Partners of a panel will have a duty to cooperate and share information. Local bespoke arrangements have been in place since 2009 and have been led by Durham Constabulary. It is not expected that this area will generate high numbers of referrals. A memorandum of understanding, developed by Durham Constabulary, currently provides the basis on which partner organisations share information on issues of Counter Terrorism.
24. Our response to the consultation:
 - There is a need to clarify what a robust system for referrals looks like in practice. It needs to be clearly outlined in the guidance about what the links between safeguarding and Channel are required and how these systems will work together.

Schools

25. Schools are included in the list of Specified Authorities and will need to demonstrate that they have assessed the risk of pupils being drawn into terrorism and that staff know how to recognise when children may be at risk of being drawn into terrorism and understand what to do.
26. DCC's Children and Adults Services have already briefed School Governors and Head Teachers ahead of the Act coming into force.
27. The Children and Families Partnership will receive details of the new duty at its Board on 26th March 2015. This will propose a path forward that will help schools deliver a proportionate response.

28. Our response to the consultation:

- There is a requirement for consistency across the country. Without the inclusion of case studies local areas will be left to interpret the guidance. For example, in risk assessing schools – Governors and Head Teachers will need guidance in order to ensure consistency in determining the risk of students being drawn into terrorism. Taking such an approach will avoid developing different standards.

Police

29. For the police, the requirements of the Act are largely that which they are currently subject to. They will play a key role in assessing local risk, supporting 'Channel' and providing support to local multi-agency arrangements.
30. Durham Constabulary has taken a lead role in Prevent from the outset and the Police Prevent team has provided significant support to partners. As a result, current partnership arrangements are particularly strong.

Higher and Further Education

31. Durham University and all Further Education Colleges will also have to assess the risk of student vulnerability to being drawn into terrorism and implement an action plan to mitigate those risks. They will be required to ensure staff understand when someone may be at risk, what action to take and when to refer to 'Channel'. The University will need to put in place internal mechanisms for managing such referrals. The University will also need to have procedures for managing events and sharing information about speakers.
32. Durham University is one of the original members of the Contest Silver group. It is involved in the commissioning of the Counter Terrorism Local Profile and its recommendations. The University is a regular contributor to the local Contest action plan which has included many of the requirements outlined above. Some of these expectations will be new to the institution including the common feature of an internal risk assessment and action plan. A local Prevent Colleges Forum meets annually to share best practice. It is briefed by the police and council and is represented on the County Durham and Darlington Contest Silver group.
33. Our response to the consultation:
- The University shared a national concern about the need to protect freedom of speech. The Bill was amended, prior to receiving Royal Assent, to ensure that freedom of speech was a protected factor.
 - The guidance refers to support being available from the Regional Education Prevent Coordinator to assist Higher and Further Education establishments fulfil their duties. The scope and geographic coverage of the Regional Coordinator is significant and covers funded priority areas across West Yorkshire. Therefore, support across County Durham has not been at a level that would provide such assistance. Where the guidance indicates support mechanisms are in place there will need to be confidence that they will fulfil the role intended across every institution.

Health

34. The guidance outlines established arrangements in place across NHS Trusts and Foundation Trusts such as embedding Prevent within Safeguarding and utilising Heads of 'Patient Experience' to be responsible for delivery of the regional Prevent Strategy. As with many partner organisations, the requirement centres on staff awareness.
35. The health sector has also engaged in a significant amount of staff training. For example, the North East Ambulance Service (NEAS) has trained every member of staff. The Contest Silver group has representation from County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, NEAS NHS Foundation Trust and all County Durham and Darlington Clinical Commissioning Groups.

Prisons and Probation

36. For the prison service, like the police, the requirements are largely that which they are currently subject to. Their responsibility is to manage the risks of prisoners being drawn into terrorism at all stages of their detention and release into the community.
37. The National Probation Service will be expected to have a regional designated 'Probation Counter Terrorism Lead' to ensure processes for identifying, assessing and managing high-risk terrorist offenders are followed and provide a consultative role to Community Rehabilitation Companies.

Power to give directions

38. The Act provides the Secretary of State with the power of enforcement where a specified authority fails to discharge the duty imposed on it. The Home Office is considering what the monitoring arrangements will be for each institution.
39. The Safe Durham Partnership is already in a position to evidence its work on Prevent. A local 'Prevent' qualitative performance assessment requires evidence that the partnership is meeting the national Prevent objectives. The Partnership measures itself against five performance statements (1 being low and 5 high). Six such assessments have been carried out showing a steady increase in performance. The assessment is adapted from the old national indicator performance measure 'NI35 Building resilience to violent extremism' and follows the comprehensive guidance that was attached to the national indicator. It has been identified as good practice by the North East Counter Terrorist Unit (NECTU).
40. NECTU will play a part in monitoring. It is a member of the local Contest group and provides briefings and advice in terms of our local approach to implementing Prevent.
41. Our response to the consultation:
 - The guidance appears to individualise and segment each institution which could lead to them operating in isolation; only focusing on achieving their own requirements. Many areas have a strong reliance on multi-agency cooperation and joint implementation.

It would seem appropriate that inspection and monitoring regimes such as Her Majesties Inspectorate of Constabulary, Ofsted Single Inspection Framework and the Care Quality Commission could be utilised, since they can incorporate partnership working.

- Prevent is often part of well-established Community Safety Partnerships that will be in a strong position to monitor compliance through local governance arrangements and bring some internal control against failures.

Funding

42. The Government announced a £130m fund to support security services and, to a smaller extent, the delivery of Prevent. It has indicated that the number of priority funded areas will be increased. While it is not expected that County Durham will become a priority area, there is a commitment, from Government, to provide funds for any innovative projects aimed at tackling a specific risk.

Wider Context

43. A new 'Extremist Strategy for countering extremism is to be developed. The National Prevent Conference described how it 'will provide a wider and more coherent context for specific terrorist related Prevent work'.
44. This new strategy will sit above the Government's 'Integration Policy'; introduced in February 2012. One of the Policy's strands includes 'tackling intolerance and extremism'. This strand is concerned with a robust response to threats whether discrimination, extremism or disorder, that deepen division and increase tensions. The Safe Durham Partnership subsequently agreed to the Contest Silver group having oversight of this strand.
45. In response, and with support from partners, DCC developed a Community Cohesion Toolkit; this is for use by partner staff and provides guidance on community tension and how to respond to it.

Next Steps

46. The draft statutory guidance was amended, following consultation, and put before Parliament on 27th February 2015. The final statutory guidance will be published ahead of 1st July 2015, when the duty will commence in law.
47. Preparatory work will continue by all partners named as specified authorities.

Recommendations and reasons

48. The Safer and Stronger Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:
 - Note the content of the report and its implications;
 - Request a progress update report.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – The report identifies potential financial burdens to Partner agencies with regard to implementation of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

Staffing – The report outlines the need for staff training and awareness across all specified authorities which will have resource implications which link to financial burdens.

Risk – The report provides information on the risk of terrorism and radicalisation and approaches to mitigate risk. County Durham is not a priority area in terms of receiving additional funding to support the need to prevent people being drawn into terrorism.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – None

Accommodation - None

Crime and Disorder – Information within this report relates to the Altogether Safer priority area of ‘Counter Terrorism and Prevention of Violent Extremism’ within the Safe Durham Partnership Plan.

Human Rights – None

Consultation – The report contains responses by the Safe Durham Partnership to the Government’s consultation on the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015

Procurement – None

Disability Issues – None

Legal Implications – Information within the report outlines responsibilities within the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and the impending statutory guidance.

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Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

23 March 2015

Cyber Crime



Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members with supporting information in advance of a presentation by Detective Chief Inspector (DCI) Victoria Fuller on raising awareness and approaches to tackling cybercrime.

Background

2. Cybercrime can involve a wide spectrum of activity from large scale fraud to business and government agencies to causing harm on individuals within their homes and communities. So significant it was identified as a national threat within the 2010 National Security Strategy and in 2011, the Government published '*The UK Cyber Security Strategy- Protecting and promoting the UK in a digital world*'. The strategy included four objectives to:
 - Tackling cybercrime and making the UK one of the most secure places in the world to do business;
 - Making the UK more resilient to cyber-attack and better able to protect our interests in cyberspace;
 - Helping to shape an open, vibrant and stable cyberspace which the UK public can use safely and that supports open societies, and
 - Building the UK's cross-cutting knowledge, skills and capability to underpin all cyber security objectives.
3. A progress report was published by the Government in 2013 and can be accessed at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-cyber-security-strategy-2-years-on> . The report identifies work undertaken to develop structures and capabilities through the National Cyber Security programme and identifies future action to be undertaken at a national level. In addition, cybercrime is clearly identified within the Government's Serious and Organised Crime Strategy and a key area for the National Crime Agency.
4. At a local level, cybercrime is included within the draft Safe Durham Partnership Plan that was presented to the Committee's meeting in February 2015 and is identified as an emerging threat within the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan that was considered by the Police and Crime Panel in March 2015.
5. With regard to activity, Durham Constabulary, Durham County Council and partner agencies took part in raising awareness during the a week of activity that coincided with 'Safer Internet Day' on February 10th 2015.

6. DCI Victoria Fuller will be in attendance at the Committee's meeting to provide an overview presentation of cybercrime including work undertaken by the Police and partners and future activity.

Recommendation

7. Members of the Committee are asked to note information within this report and presentation and comment accordingly

Background Papers

None

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – None

Staffing – None

Risk – None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – None

Accommodation - None

Crime and Disorder – Information contained in this report and presentation relates to the Altogether Safer element of the Council Plan

Human Rights – None

Consultation – None

Procurement – None

Disability Issues – None

Legal Implications – None

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Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

23 March 2015



Quarter 3 2014/15 Performance Management Report

Report of Corporate Management Team Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive Councillor Simon Henig, Leader

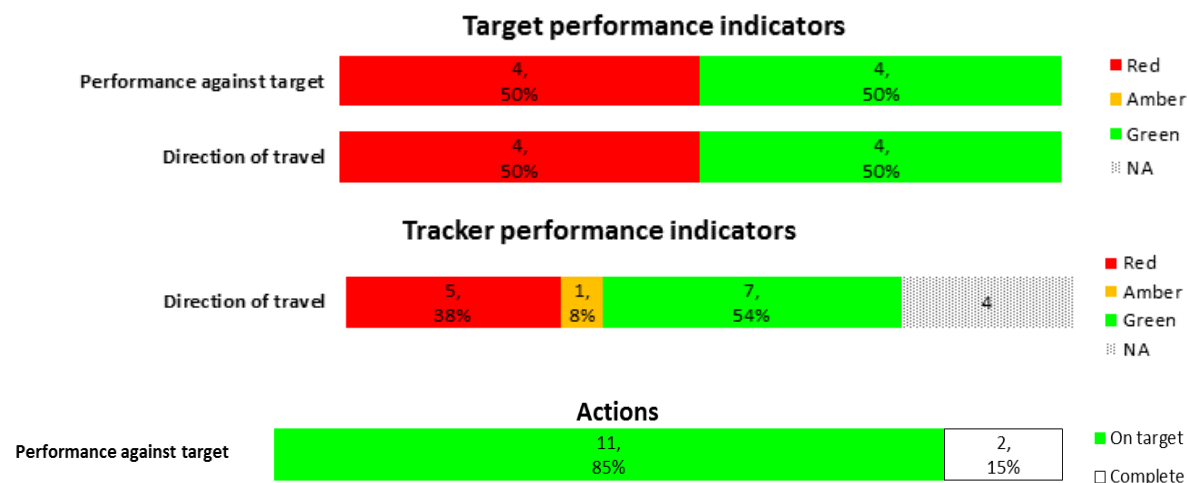
Purpose of the Report

1. To present progress against the council's corporate basket of performance indicators for the Altogether Safer theme and report other significant performance issues for the third quarter of 2014/15 covering the period October to December 2014.

Background

2. The report sets out an overview of performance and progress by Altogether priority theme. Key performance indicator progress is reported against two indicator types which comprise of:
 - a. Key target indicators – targets are set for indicators where improvements can be measured regularly and where improvement can be actively influenced by the council and its partners (see Appendix 3, table 1); and
 - b. Key tracker indicators – performance will be tracked but no targets are set for indicators which are long-term and/or which the council and its partners only partially influence (see Appendix 3, table 2).
3. The report continues to incorporate a stronger focus on volume measures in our performance framework. This allows us to better quantify productivity and to monitor the effects of reductions in resources and changes in volume of activity. Charts detailing some of the key volume measures which form part of the council's corporate basket of performance indicators are presented in Appendix 4.
4. A corporate performance indicator guide has been produced which provides full details of indicator definitions and data sources. This is available to view from the intranet or can be requested from the Corporate Planning and Performance Team at performance@durham.gov.uk.

Altogether Safer: Overview



Council Performance

5. Key achievements this quarter for tracker indicators include:
- As of October 2014, there were 695 families identified through the Stronger Families Programme under the crime / anti-social behaviour (ASB) criteria, of which 340 (48.9%) met the results criteria. This is an increase of 45 families where a successful intervention for crime/anti-social behaviour is achieved (of those allocated a lead professional) compared to the previous quarter.
 - In the period April to December 2014 there were 18,484 incidents of ASB reported to the police, which is a reduction from 19,039 on the equivalent period of 2013. Of these, 2,402 incidents were alcohol related. This equates to 13% of total ASB reported to the police, a decrease from 15.8% in the equivalent period of 2013/14.
 - There were 4,063 violent crimes reported to the police, of these 31.4% (1,276) were recorded as alcohol related. This is a decrease from 34.4% in the same period of 2013.
 - The percentage of people who agree that the local council and police deal with concerns of ASB and crime was 61.4% in the period October 2013 to September 2014, with a confidence interval of +/-3.9%. Performance has increased from 58.3% in the equivalent period of 2012/13. The Durham Constabulary area (including Darlington) has the highest proportion of people agreeing with this statement, when compared to its statistical neighbours (average 59.4%).
 - There were 236 hate incidents reported to Durham Constabulary between April and December 2014, an increase of 5% from 224 in the equivalent period of 2013/14. 59% of incidents were race related with 37% relating to gender, religion, sexual orientation and disability. A key objective within the Safe Durham Partnership Hate Crime Action Plan is to increase the reporting of hate crimes. Schemes such as Safe Places, which provides a range of safe havens across the area for hate crime victims to get support; and Community Hands, a dedicated volunteer helpline number for potential victims, are just some of the innovative tactics being used to tackle the issue.

- f. In the period April to December 2014 there were 8,660 theft offences, a rate of 16.8 per 1,000 population. This is a decrease of 2.5% from 8,883 offences during the same period of 2013. There have been reductions in the majority of theft categories, although shoplifting has increased from 1,571 during April to December 2013 to 1,974 during 2014 (an increase of 26%). Durham Community Safety Partnership area has one of the lowest rates of theft offences per 1,000 population for the period April to December 2014 (16.8) when compared to its statistical neighbours (average 23).
 - g. Latest data show 1,492 of the 5,592 adults and young people in the January to December 2012 cohort re-offended within 12 months of inclusion in the cohort, which equals 26.7%. This is an improvement when compared against the same period in the previous year when 29.2% of the cohort re-offended. The rate in Durham is slightly higher than the national rate of 26%. Of the 1,492 adults and young people who re-offended, they committed a total of 4,615 offences, which equates to 0.83 re-offences per person in the cohort. This is better than the same period of the previous year (0.88) but worse than the national rate of 0.77.
 - h. There has been a 24% reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured this quarter (37) compared to the same quarter last year (49), although the year to date total is the same at 140. Of the 37 people, there were four fatalities. The number of children seriously injured has also reduced from six to five. During the year to date there remain no child fatalities and the total number of casualties (18) has improved slightly from the same time last year (19).
6. The key performance improvement issues for this theme are:
- a. The total number of offences committed in 2013/14 by the 163 offenders in the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) cohort was 855. During quarter 3 2014/15 there were 154 offences committed by the same cohort, which gives a full year projection of 616 offences. This represents a 28% reduction from 2013/14, which has not achieved the 2014/15 target of a 40% reduction and is a decline in performance compared to a 46% reduction in the same period of the previous year. Performance against this indicator has been impacted by the realignment of some probation and police staff.
 - b. Low successful completions of those in alcohol / drug treatment:
 - i. There were 1,207 people in alcohol treatment with the Community Alcohol Service between October 2013 and September 2014, of which 420 successfully completed. This equates to a 34.8% successful completion rate, which is a reduction from 39.1% during the same period of the previous year and is below national performance of 39.5% (see Appendix 4, Chart 1).
 - ii. The number of people in drug treatment with the Community Drugs Service (CDS) for opiate use between April 2013 and March 2014 was 1,450, of which 98 successfully completed, i.e. they did not re-present to the CDS between April and September 2014. This equates to a 6.8% successful completion rate, which is below the target of 7.9% and national performance of 7.7% (see Appendix 4, Chart 2).

- iii. The successful completion rate for non-opiate use was 36.3% (239 of 658), which is below the target of 40.4% and national performance of 38.4% (see Appendix 4, Chart 3).

A review of the Drug and Alcohol Service has been undertaken and the contract has been awarded to the new provider. The service will commence in April 2015.

c. Tracker indicators show:

- i. In the period April to December 2014 there were 19,585 crimes, a rate of 37.9 per 1,000 population. This has increased from 18,717 crimes in the equivalent period of 2013 and equates to a 4.6% rise in overall crime. Overall crime continues to be affected by historic offences relating to Medomsley Detention Centre. When the Medomsley beat area is excluded from the crime figures, there were 18,998 offences during April to December 2014, which is an increase of 2.6% from 18,523 during the same period of the previous year (please note, this includes all crimes in relation to Medomsley, not just those as a result of the inquiry into Medomsley Detention Centre).

Based on current figures, Durham Constabulary is forecasting a 4.4% increase in total crime by the end of 2014/15. Despite the increase in crime, the County Durham Community Safety Partnership area has the lowest level of crime per 1,000 population for the period April to December 2014 (37.9) when compared to its statistical neighbours (average 50). The Park, Walk and Talk initiative introduced by Durham Constabulary aims to reduce crime through increased deterrence of criminals by the visibility of police officers, and to improve confidence through engagement with the public. Under this initiative, officers visit areas with high levels of crime and ASB and for a period of 10-15 minutes park their cars, walk around and speak to members of the public. As part of the pilot phase, 80 small areas have been identified, with Park, Walk and Talk implemented within 40 of those areas. An evaluation will be undertaken to assess the impact of the initiative.

- ii. There were 17,530 victim based crimes between April to December 2014, which is a 5.6% increase from the same period in 2013/14 (16,607 victims). Based on current figures, Durham Constabulary is forecasting a 5.1% increase in the number of victim based crimes by the end of 2014/15. Despite this increase, Durham Community Safety Partnership area has the lowest rate of victim based crimes per 1,000 population for the period April to December 2014 (34) when compared to its statistical neighbours (average 44.7).
- iii. In the period April to December 2014 there were 700 serious or major crimes, an increase of 25.9% when compared to the equivalent period of 2013 (556 offences). A large proportion of the increase in serious offences can be attributed to historic reports of serious sexual and physical abuse at Medomsley Detention Centre. Initial analysis completed by Durham Constabulary suggests that improved recording of sexual and violent offending has also contributed to the overall increase.

- iv. As reported in the Altogether Healthier theme, the County Durham suicide rate increased from 11.3 per 100,000 for 2010-12 to 13.4 for 2011-13; an increase of 32 suicides. The County Durham rate remains higher than the North East (10.6) and England (8.8) rates and the gap to the national rate has widened from 2.8 per 100,000 for 2010-12 to 4.6 per 100,000 for 2011-13. The long term trend shows that since 2001-03 the County Durham rate has increased by 29% compared to regional and national reductions of 6% and 16% respectively. Four of the twelve North East local Authorities have significantly higher suicide rates than England, including County Durham, which has the highest rate in the region. A Suicide Prevention Group is in place to develop and implement an action plan aimed at reducing suicide and self-harm rates for all ages. A report on suicide, attempted suicide and self-harm, including recommendations for actions was presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in January 2015.

d. There are no Council Plan actions which have not achieved target in this theme.

7. There are no key risks in delivering the objectives of this theme.

Recommendation and Reason

8. That the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive the report and consider any performance issues arising there from.

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Appendix 1: Implications

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

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

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

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty - Corporate health PIs are monitored as part of the performance monitoring process.

Accommodation - Not applicable

Crime and Disorder - A number of PIs and key actions relating to crime and disorder are continually monitored in partnership with Durham Constabulary.

Human Rights - Not applicable

Consultation - Not applicable

Procurement - Not applicable

Disability Issues - Employees with a disability are monitored as part of the performance monitoring process.

Legal Implications - Not applicable

Appendix 2: Key to symbols used within the report

Where icons appear in this report, they have been applied to the most recently available information.

Performance Indicators:

Direction of travel

Latest reported data have improved from comparable period

GREEN

Latest reported data remain in line with comparable period

AMBER

Latest reported data have deteriorated from comparable period

RED

Performance against target

Performance better than target

Getting there - performance approaching target (within 2%)

Performance >2% behind target

Actions:

WHITE

Complete (Action achieved by deadline/achieved ahead of deadline)

GREEN

Action on track to be achieved by the deadline

RED

Action not achieved by the deadline/unlikely to be achieved by the deadline

Benchmarking:

GREEN

Performance better than other authorities based on latest benchmarking information available

AMBER

Performance in line with other authorities based on latest benchmarking information available

RED

Performance worse than other authorities based on latest benchmarking information available

Appendix 3: Summary of Key Performance Indicators

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Table 1: Key Target Indicators

Ref	PI ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Period target	Current performance to target	Data 12 months earlier	Performance compared to 12 months earlier	National figure	*North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure	Period covered
Altogether Safer											
45	CASAS3	Proportion of people who use adult social care services who say that those services have made them feel safe and secure	93.9	Apr - Dec 2014	85.0	GREEN	91.3	GREEN	79.2	78.3*	2013/14 (provisional)
46	CASAS9	Building resilience to terrorism (self assessment)	4	2013/14	3	GREEN	3	GREEN			
47	CASAS1	Repeat incidents of domestic abuse (referrals to Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC))	14.6	Apr - Dec 2014	25.0	GREEN	8.2	RED	24.0	27*	Jul 2013 - Jun 2014
48	CASAS4	Percentage reduction in detected crimes for offenders in the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) cohort	28	Oct - Dec 2014	40	RED	46	RED			
49	CASAS5	First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10 - 17 (per 100,000 population of 10-17 year olds) (Also in Altogether better for Children & Young People)	358	Apr - Dec 2014 (provisional)	511	GREEN	365	GREEN			
50	CASAS23	Percentage of successful completions of those in alcohol treatment (Also in Altogether Healthier)	34.8	Oct 2013 - Sep 2014	36.6	RED	39.1	RED	39.5		Oct 2013 - Sep 2014

Ref	PI ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Period target	Current performance to target	Data 12 months earlier	Performance compared to 12 months earlier	National figure	*North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure	Period covered
51	CASAS7	Percentage of successful completions of those in drug treatment - opiates (Also in Altogether Healthier)	6.8	Apr 13 - Mar 14 (re-presentations to Sep 14)	7.9	RED	7.4	RED	7.6 RED		Mar 2013 - Feb 2014
52	CASAS8	Percentage of successful completions of those in drug treatment - non-opiates (Also in Altogether Healthier)	36.3	Apr 13 - Mar 14 (re-presentations to Sep 14)	40.4	RED	35.5	GREEN	40.6 RED		Mar 2013 - Feb 2014

Table 2: Key Tracker Indicators

Page Ref	PI ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Previous period data	Performance compared to previous period	Data 12 months earlier	Performance compared to 12 months earlier	National figure	*North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure	Period covered
Altogether Safer											
158	CASAS 12	Overall crime rate (per 1,000 population)	37.9	Apr - Dec 2014	24.9	Not comparable [1]	36.5	RED	71 GREEN	50** GREEN	Apr - Dec 2014
159	CASAS 14	Number of serious or major crimes	700	Apr - Dec 2014	456	Not comparable [1]	556	RED			
160	CASAS 24	Rate of theft offences (per 1,000 population)	16.8	Apr - Dec 2014	11.0	Not comparable [1]	17.3	GREEN	16.2 RED	23** GREEN	Apr - Dec 2014
161	CASAS 25	Rate of robberies (per 1,000 population)	0.11	Apr - Dec 2014	0.08	Not comparable [1]	0.09	RED	0.18 GREEN		Apr - Dec 2014
162	CASAS 15	Number of police reported incidents of anti-social behaviour	18,484	Apr - Dec 2014	13,154	Not comparable [1]	19,039	GREEN			
163	CASAS 13	Percentage of survey respondents perceiving a high level of anti-social behaviour in their local area	27.0	Apr - Jun 2014	30.5	GREEN	44.5	Not comparable [2]			
164	CASAS 11	Percentage of survey respondents who agree that the police and local council are dealing with concerns of anti social behaviour and crime	61.4	Oct 2013 - Sep 2014	62.1	RED	58.3	GREEN		59.4** GREEN	Oct 2013 - Sep 2014
165	CASAS 10	Recorded level of victim based crimes	17,530	Apr - Dec 2014	11,436	Not comparable [1]	16,609	RED			

Ref	PI ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Previous period data	Performance compared to previous period	Data 12 months earlier	Performance compared to 12 months earlier	National figure	*North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure	Period covered
166	CASAS 17	Number of adult safeguarding referrals fully or partially substantiated	111	Apr - Dec 2014	66	NA	161	NA			
167	CASAS 22	Number of hate incidents	236	Apr - Dec 2014	203	NA	224	NA			
168	CASAH 21	Suicide rate (deaths from suicide and injury of undetermined intent) per 100,000 population (Also in Altogether Healthier)	13.4	2011-13	11.3	RED	11.3	RED	8.8	10.6*	2011-13
169	REDPI 44	Number of people killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents	140	Jan - Sep 2014	103	Not comparable [1]	140	AMBER			
		Number of fatalities	10					17			
		Number of seriously injured	130				123				
170	REDPI 45	Number of children killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents	18	Jan - Sep 2014	13	Not comparable [1]	19	GREEN			
		Number of fatalities	0				0				
		Number of seriously injured	18				19				
171	CASAS 18	Proportion of all offenders (adults and young people) who re-offend in a 12-month period	26.7	Jan - Dec 2012	27.4	GREEN	29.2	GREEN	26.0		Jan - Dec 2012
172	CASAS 19	Percentage of anti-social behaviour incidents that are alcohol related	13.0	Apr - Dec 2014	13.6	GREEN	15.8	GREEN			
173	CASAS 20	Percentage of violent crime that is alcohol related	31.4	Apr - Dec 2014	30.4	RED	34.4	GREEN			

Page 34 Ref	PI ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Previous period data	Performance compared to previous period	Data 12 months earlier	Performance compared to 12 months earlier	National figure	*North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure	Period covered
174	CASAS 21	Percentage of families where a successful intervention for crime/anti-social behaviour is achieved (Stronger Families Programme)	48.9	Apr 2012 - Oct 2014	43.3	GREEN	33.6	Not comparable [3]			

[\[1\] Data is cumulative and based on 9 months period so comparisons are not applicable](#)

[\[2\] Due to changes in the local police confidence survey the data are not comparable](#)

[\[3\] Data cumulative year on year so comparisons are not applicable](#)

Appendix 4: Volume Measures

Chart 1 - Percentage of successful completions of those in alcohol treatment¹

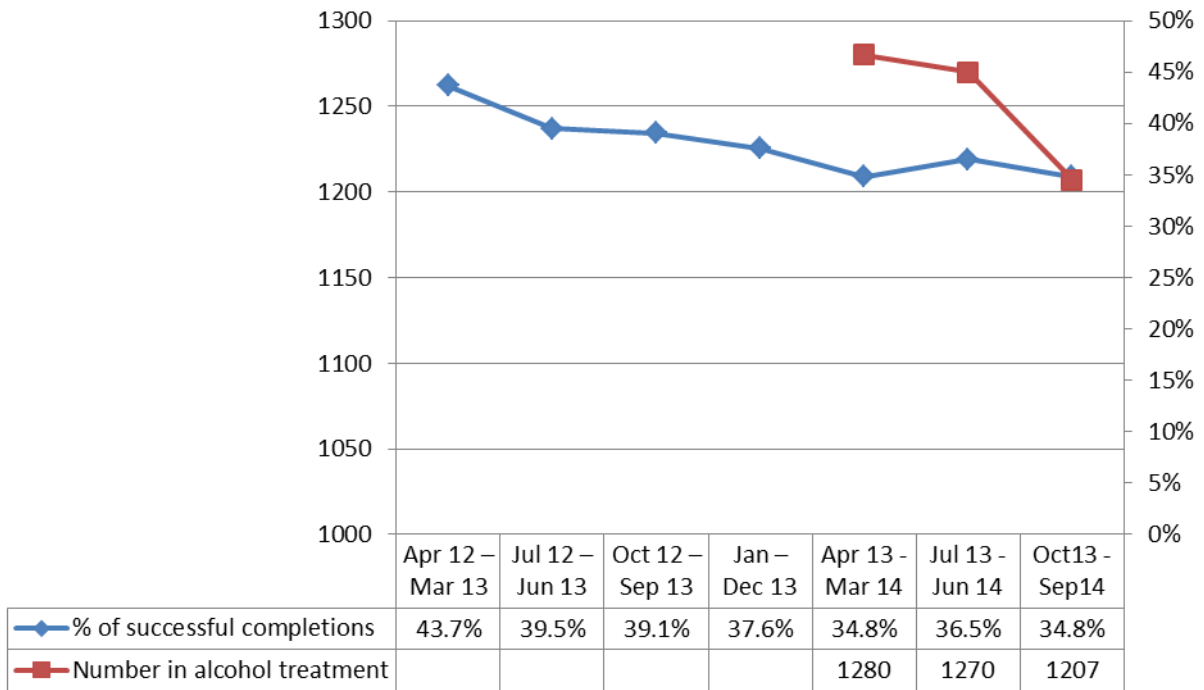
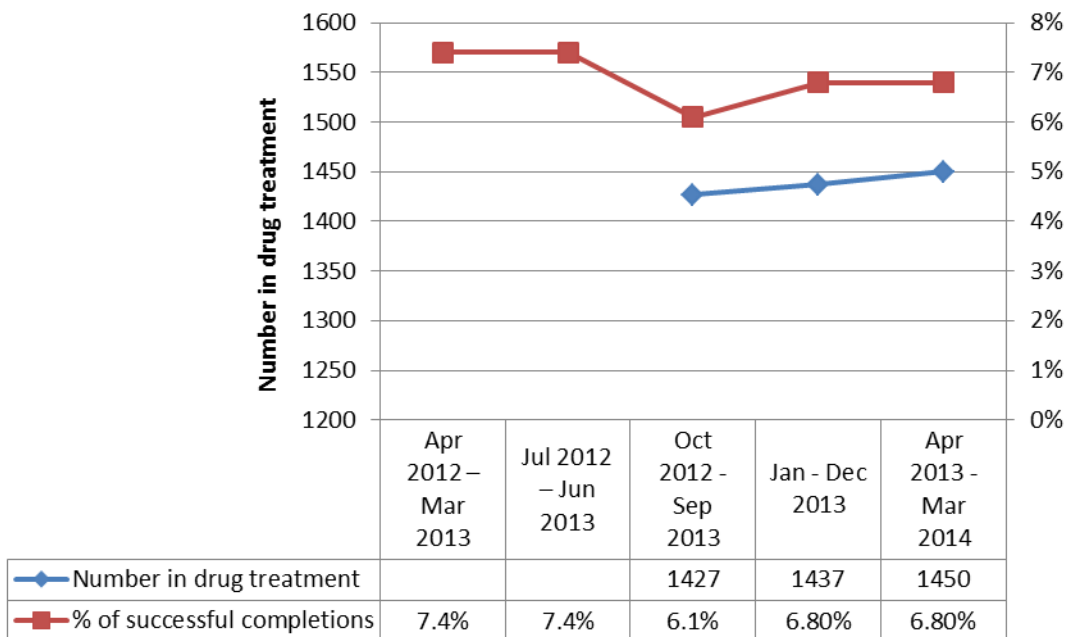
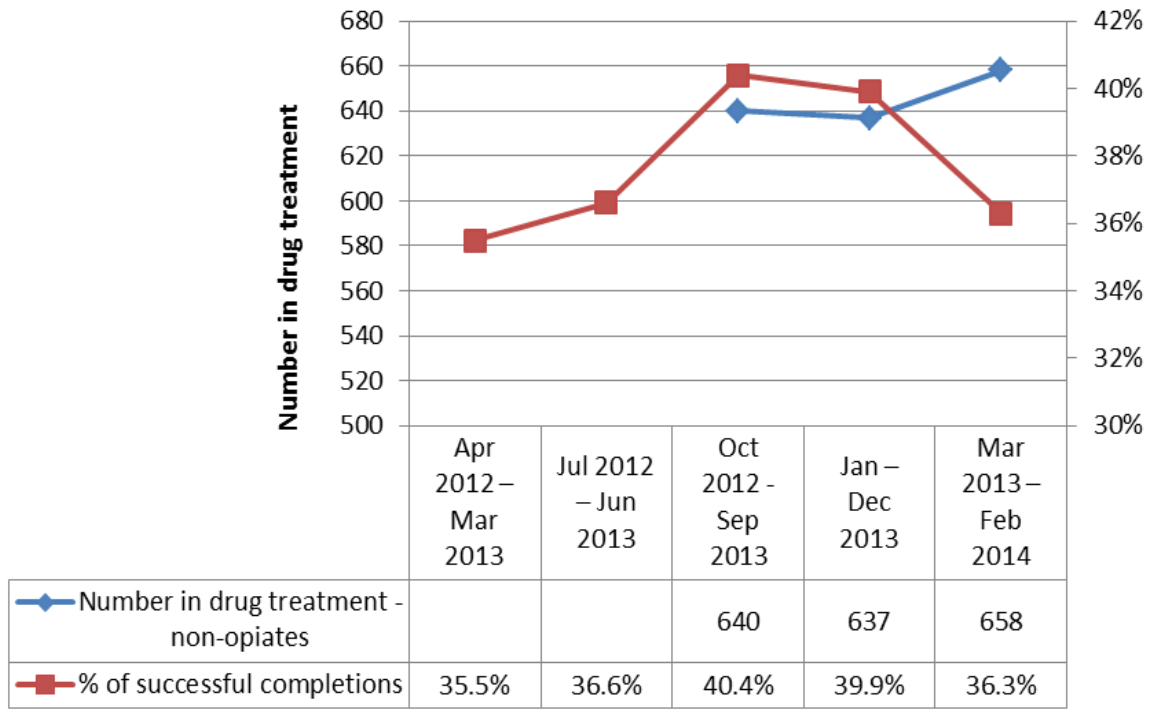


Chart 2 - Percentage of successful completions of those in drug treatment – opiates¹



¹ Numbers in treatment are no longer comparable to last year due to changes in methodology and reporting

Chart 3 - Percentage of successful completions of those in drug treatment – non-opiates¹



**Safer and Stronger Communities
Overview and Scrutiny
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23 March 2015

**Draft Council Plan 2015-2018-
Refresh of the Work Programme**

Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of the report is to provide members with information contained within the draft Council Plan 2015-2018, relevant to the work of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This enables the opportunity for Members to refresh the Committee's Work Programme to reflect the 6 objectives and subsequent actions identified within the draft Council Plan for the Council's Altogether Safer priority theme.

Background

2. The current Overview and Scrutiny Committees Work Programmes focus on the priority areas identified within the context of the Council Plan, Cabinet's Forward Plan of decisions, Sustainable Community Strategy, Safe Durham Partnership plans and strategies, performance and budgetary control data and changes in Government legislation.
3. In relation to the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Members will recall that the Work Programme was refreshed at the Committee meeting held on the 20 June 2014, ensuring that areas of focus were in line with current and forthcoming priorities within the Committee's remit. Further areas of focus for the Committee have been added throughout 2014 to reflect changing Government policy and at the request of Members.

Council Plan 2015- 2018

4. The Council Plan is the overarching high level plan for the County Council, which covers a four year period, is updated on an annual basis and is to be agreed by a meeting of Council. The plan sets out how the Council will consider the corporate priorities for improvement and the key actions the Authority will take in delivering the long term goals in the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Council's own improvement agenda. Attached as Appendix 2, is the Altogether Safer section of the draft Council Plan for Members consideration.
5. A small number of proposed changes have been made to the objectives and outcomes from the previous year's Council Plan within the Altogether Safer priority theme. As suggested by the Committee at its meeting in January, Casualty Reduction is an objective and Counter Terrorism has been identified as an emerging issue within the Council Plan. In addition, minor wording changes have been made to some of the remaining objectives. The previous wording contained in the plan for last year is detailed below in parentheses for comparative purposes.

6. Within the Council's Altogether Safer priority theme, the focus is to work with partner organisations, as part of the Safe Durham Partnership, to tackle crime and disorder in County Durham.
7. The Council supports the Safe Durham Partnership Plan in its strategic plan to deliver a day-to-day operational response to issues impacting on our neighbourhoods. The Council will work with partners to involve the community in tackling priorities, with the aim of creating a safer county and contributing to an Altogether Better Durham. Below are the relevant objectives and actions for the Altogether Safer priority theme:
 - **Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour**
 - S1 Increased public confidence in the ability of partners to deal with crime and anti-social behaviour
 - S2 Reduced incidence of anti-social behaviour and low level crime
 - **Protect vulnerable people from harm**
 - S3 Prevent domestic abuse and sexual violence and reduce the associated harm. (2014/17 wording: Provide protection and support to improve outcomes for victims of domestic abuse and their children)
 - S4 Safeguarding children and adults whose circumstances make them vulnerable and protect them from avoidable harm
 - S5 Community and organisational resilience for emergency preparedness, response and recovery
 - **Reduce re-offending**
 - S6 Prevent repeat offending
 - **Alcohol and substance misuse harm reduction**
 - S7 Reduced harm caused by alcohol to individuals, families and communities
 - S8 Reduced harm caused by drugs/substances
 - **Casualty Reduction**
 - S9 Develop a safer road environment
 - **Embed the Think Family approach**
 - S10 The most vulnerable families are diverted from offending and anti-social behaviour
8. The draft Council Plan also identifies a series of actions detailing the work which needs to be undertaken by the Authority in order to deliver the above areas.
9. In addition to providing a scrutiny role for activity of the council, the safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee 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. At its meeting on 16th February, the Committee considered and responded to the draft Safe Durham Partnership Plan. It is to note that with exception to 'Counter Terrorism and Prevention of Violent Extremism, the priority objectives are aligned to the objectives within the Council Plan and include the following outcomes.

Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour

- Increase public confidence in the ability of partners to deal with crime and anti-social behaviour issues that matter to communities
- Reduce anti-social behaviour – including low level crime and secondary fires
- Create high quality, clean, attractive, accessible environment

Protecting vulnerable people from harm

- Prevent domestic abuse and sexual violence and reduce associated harm
- Ensure that all victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence have access to the right help and support throughout the criminal justice process and that services are available to address their needs
- Improve the criminal justice response to tackling domestic abuse and sexual violence
- Reduce the impact of hate crime

Reducing re-offending

- Prevent inter-generational offending
- Prevent repeat offending

Alcohol and substance misuse harm reduction

- Reduce the harm caused by alcohol to individuals, families and communities
- Reduce the harm caused by drugs/substances – through prevention, restricting supply and building recovery

Embed the Think Family Approach

- Embed 'Think Family' and 'Stronger Families' into offender and victim services as part of the prevention and early help approach

Counter terrorism and prevention of violent extremism

- Implement CONTEST (national strategy)
- Challenge extremism and intolerance

Road Casualty reduction

- Improve education and raise awareness
- Improve health and wellbeing of communities through road casualty reduction
- Develop a safer road environment

Current Work Programme

10. During 2014/15, the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee has undertaken performance monitoring, in depth Scrutiny Reviews, systematic 6 monthly reviews of progress against recommendations and overview presentations in relation to the following areas:

In depth Scrutiny Review

- ***Organised Crime***
- ***Drug Treatment Services***
- ***20 mph limits/zones***

Systematic Review

- **Neighbourhood Wardens**

Areas of Overview Activity

- **Safe Durham Partnership Plan Refresh 2014-18**
(All objectives)
- **Safe Durham Partnership Strategic Assessment**
(All objectives)
- **Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2014-17**
(All objectives)
- **Progress of initiatives and enforcement activity undertaken by the Consumer Protection Team**
(Objective Alcohol and Substance misuse harm reduction – Action S7)
- **County Durham Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy 2015-2017**
(Objective Alcohol and Substance misuse harm reduction – Action S7)
- **Transforming Rehabilitation – A Strategy for Reform**
Objective Reduce re-offending action S6
- **Safe Durham Partnership Domestic Abuse Service Developments**
(Objective - Protect vulnerable People from harm - Action S4)
- **County Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Authority Integrated Risk Management Plan Consultation document 2014/15**
- **County Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Service – Risk of hoarding within households**
(Objective - Protect vulnerable People from harm - Action S4)
- **Multi Agency Interventions Project**
(Objective Reduce anti-social behaviour)
- **Activity of the Road Casualty Reduction Forum**
(Objective - Casualty Reduction)
- **Safe Durham Partnership Reducing Re-offending Strategy**
(Objective – Reduce re-offending)
- **Anti-Social Behaviour, Police and Crime Act 2014**
(Objective – Reduce anti-social behaviour)
- **Counter Terrorism**

Performance monitoring

11. Quarterly performance reports on 'Altogether Safer' performance indicators and Council Plan objectives

Police and Crime Panel

12. 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. It is to acknowledge that Panel members were invited to a performance session with the Committee on key areas of policing with Durham Constabulary in October 2014. This session also included a tour of the newly opened headquarters.

Gaps within current Work Programme

13. Having considered the Altogether Safer section of the draft Council Plan for 2015 – 2018 and draft Safe Durham Plan the following could be considered for inclusion within the Committee’s work programme.

Council Plan

Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour

- ASB – implementation of the Joint Partnership Team

Protect Vulnerable People from harm

- Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
- Organisational resilience and emergency preparedness

Reduce Re-offending

- *County Durham Youth Offending Service Youth Justice Plan 2014/16*
- *Restorative Approaches*
- *Transforming Rehabilitation*

Alcohol and Substance misuse harm reduction

- Implement the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy

Casualty Reduction

- *Work of Partners within the Road Casualty Reduction Forum to - Improve education and raise awareness*
- *Improve health and wellbeing of communities through road casualty reduction*
- *Develop a safer road environment*
- *20 mph policy and implementation*

Cross Cutting Arrangements

14. The draft Council Plan also identifies the following areas from other ‘Altogether’ themes that are linked to objectives and actions within ‘Altogether Safer’. In addition areas for improvement within the Safe Durham Partnership Plan also cross cut with areas of the Council’s Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

Altogether	Objective	Action	Link to Altogether Safer	OSC
Better for Children and Young People	A Think Family approach is embedded in our support for families	C8. Children are safeguarded and protected from harm	S4. Safeguarding children and adults whose circumstances make them vulnerable and protect them from avoidable harm	Children and Young People
Healthier	Reduce health inequalities and early deaths	H5.Reduced levels of alcohol and drug related ill health	S7 Reduced harm caused by alcohol to individuals, families and communities S8 Reduced harm caused by drugs/substances	Adults, Wellbeing and Health

Altogether	Objective	Action	Link to Altogether Safer	OSC
Greener	Deliver a cleaner, more attractive and sustainable environment	Reduced environmental crime	S2 Reduced incidence of anti-social behaviour and low level crime	Environment and Sustainable Communities

Review topics

15. The Committee are currently concluding its work on organised crime and are also involved in projects on 20 mph limits and implementation of an integrated service for alcohol and substance misuse that focuses on recovery. However, Members are requested to suggest a potential topic for future review activity throughout 2015/16 and agree at its meeting in June.

Next Steps

16. The Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the appropriate section from the draft Council Plan, Appendix 2 (copy attached) to inform the Committee work programme for 2014 -2015, reflecting on the current work programme detailed in paragraphs 9 and 13 above and paragraph 15 for future review activity.
17. Members will receive a further report at the next Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee confirming/agreeing the Committee's work programme for 2015- 2016 based on today's discussion and agreement.

Recommendations

18. That the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the information contained in the Altogether Safer priority theme of the draft Council Plan 2015 -2018, Appendix 2 (copy attached).
19. That the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee refresh the work programme for 2015 - 2016 by discussing and considering those actions identified within Appendix 2.
20. That the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on the 19 June 2015, receive a further report detailing the Committee's work programme for 2015 -2016.

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Finance - The Council Plan sets out the corporate priorities of the Council for the next 3 years. The Medium Term Financial Plan aligns revenue and capital investment to priorities within the Council Plan.

Staffing - The Council's strategies are being aligned to achievement of the corporate priorities contained within the Council Plan.

Risk - Consideration of risk is a key element in the corporate and service planning framework with both the Council Plan and Service Plans containing sections on risk.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty - Individual equality impact assessments have been prepared for each savings proposal within the Council Plan. The cumulative impact of all savings proposals in total has also been presented to Council and will be updated as savings proposals are further developed. In addition a full impact assessment has previously been undertaken for the Council Plan. The actions in the Council Plan include specific issues relating to equality and aim to improve the equality of life for those with protected characteristics. The Plan has been influenced by consultation and monitoring to include equality issues. There is no evidence of negative impact for particular groups.

Accommodation - The Council's Corporate Asset Management Plan is aligned to the corporate priorities contained within the Council Plan.

Crime and Disorder - The Altogether Safer section of the Council Plan sets out the Council's contributions to tackling crime and disorder

Human Rights – None

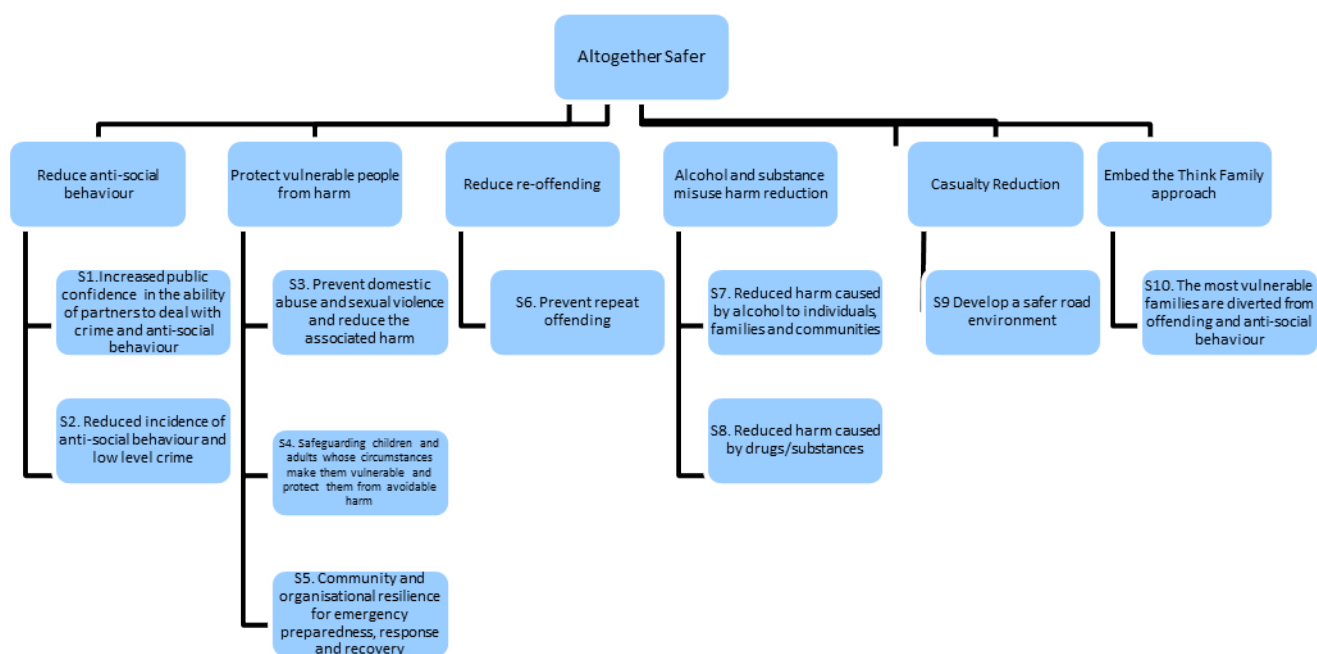
Consultation - Council and partnership priorities have been developed following an analysis of available consultation data including an extensive consultation programme carried out as part of the development of the interim Sustainable Community Strategy and this has been reaffirmed by subsequent consultation on the budget. Results have been taken into account in developing our resourcing decisions

Procurement – None

Disability Issues – None

Legal Implications – None

Altogether Safer



Our Vision

As a responsible authority of the Safe Durham Partnership, we work closely with partner organisations to tackle crime and disorder in County Durham and play a key role in the development of the Safe Durham Partnership Plan.

The Safe Durham Partnership Plan describes the 'Altogether Safer' priority objectives and outlines the strategy for tackling crime and disorder and responding to these priorities. The Plan demonstrates how strong leadership, planning, performance management and problem-solving will result in action plans which aim to deliver positive outcomes for our communities.

We will continue to support the Safe Durham Partnership in delivering on shared priorities, building on achievements and working together to meet the challenges ahead. Working in partnership is essential to achieving our vision, which is for County Durham to be 'a county where every adult and child will be, and will feel, safe.'

An emerging issue for us is counter terrorism, as recent national and international events have led to the government increasing the national threat level to 'severe'. The Counter Terrorism and Security Bill places local authorities at the heart of 'Prevent', the government's strategy for preventing people being drawn into terrorism and so, together with partner organisations, we will need to build on existing work to respond to this emerging issue.

To help achieve our vision, Altogether Safer has the following high level objectives:

1. Reduce anti-social behaviour

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) is linked to everyday problems such as noise, abandoned cars, litter, vandalism and intimidation and can affect people's happiness and pride in their local communities. Although reported anti-social behaviour has reduced over the past 5 years, it is still one of the main issues the people of County Durham want the police and partners to tackle.

As a result, we will support the work of the Safe Durham Partnership through the development of the **Safe Durham Partnership Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan** to identify what the crime and disorder issues are in the local area and how the partnership plans are responding to them.

There are many complex factors that contribute to ASB within our communities; deprivation, unemployment, alcohol and substance misuse being just a few examples. To be truly effective we must tackle these underlying causes, and one such initiative to address this is our **Community Action Team (CAT) Programme Scheme**, an eight week rolling programme which brings together residents and a range of organisations to identify and tackle local concerns such as housing, environmental concerns, noise, underage drinking and smoking. The CAT programme includes 5 priority area based initiatives per year.

The Safe Durham Partnership has been engaged in activity such as the 'Getting Involved Campaign' which encourages people to get involved with Neighbourhood Watch, Speed Watch and the Green Dog Walkers scheme. Initiatives such as Operation Aires engages young people in fun activity to raise awareness of the harm caused by alcohol and the impact it can have on behaviour.

The 'Multi-Agency Intervention Service' works with adults who persistently cause, anti-social behaviour or crime in order to change their behaviour. The service develops a package of support and intervention based on individual needs. It will help to resolve some of their problems and to stop further anti-social behaviour or crime being committed. The service also supports victims so they can be reassured that the offending behaviour will stop.

We will continue to work with partners to tackle ASB and low level crime and will **strengthen the effectiveness of the Joint Partnership Team** through improved sharing of information and intelligence, integrating the work of our Safer Neighbourhood Units with other community safety operations and fully utilising the combined range of enforcement powers available, including those set out in the new Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

2. Protect vulnerable people from harm

Protecting vulnerable people from harm has been identified as a key priority for us and our partners through the Safe Durham Partnership and work taken forward is closely linked to the work of the local Safeguarding Adults Board and Local Safeguarding Children Board, where appropriate to do so. This priority includes effectively responding to, and better protecting, those vulnerable individuals and communities most at risk of serious harm, improving the safety of domestic abuse victims and their children, reducing repeat incidents of domestic abuse, as well as supporting those who are a victim of sexual violence.

We will work with partners to implement the **Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Delivery Plan** to reduce the prevalence of domestic abuse in County Durham. We will do this through implementing the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Executive Group joint training plan, taking action to reduce the risk of victims and bringing perpetrators to justice by implementing the new integrated service model.

Work will also be undertaken to ensure the implementation of **the first strategic plan for the new statutory Safeguarding Adults Board**, in line with the requirements of the Care Act 2014.

We have a statutory duty, as a Category 1 responder under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 to provide an Emergency Response Service. We are supported by Durham and Darlington Civil Contingencies Unit and other key voluntary agencies, to ensure that it provides **organisational resilience and emergency preparedness**, response and recovery arrangements through its Emergency Response Team.

3. Reduce re-offending

The government's objective to reduce crime and the number of victims of crime demonstrates a continued focus on re-offending.

We will continue to support the Safe Durham Partnership in delivery of the Reducing Re-offending Strategy 2014/17. We will support effective offender management interventions such as Checkpoint, Integrated Offender Management, Womens Diversion Scheme and Restorative Justice, to reduce levels of re-offending.

We will implement the **County Durham Youth Offending Service Youth Justice Plan 2014/16** and reduce first time entrants to the youth justice system, by implementing a quality assurance framework and improvement plan for pre-court work and working with partners to implement the Out of Court Disposals scrutiny process. Durham and Cleveland Local Criminal Justice Boards are working in partnership to implement and operate an out of court disposal scrutiny process. Out of court disposals allow the police to deal quickly and proportionately with low level, often first time offending which could be more appropriately resolved without going to court. It provides the opportunity for interventions to be put in place to prevent further offending and gives prompt resolution for victims. Further improvements will be made to assessment and planning interventions framework which is used to assess why individuals commit a crime and how the person can be prevented from further offending.

We will work with partners to implement a restorative approaches training programme for DCC staff, to enable them to deliver restorative practice within their role so that re-offending is reduced and people are kept out of the criminal justice system.

We will continue to provide the Safe Durham Partnership with strategic level co-ordination of partnership issues relating to the Ministry of Justice 'Transforming Rehabilitation' programme during the transition of probation services across County Durham. We will work with the National Probation Service, Durham Tees Valley Probation Community Rehabilitation Company and HMP Durham through the contract post award process and delivery of new working arrangements.

4. Alcohol and substance misuse harm reduction

Alcohol and substance misuse contribute to a significant proportion of crime and anti-social behaviour. Alcohol is a contributory factor in many incidents of domestic abuse and sexual violence. It is also a significant factor in child neglect and child protection. Alcohol consumption plays a substantial part in homicides and domestic homicides, whilst alcohol misuse causes harm to people's health, mental health and can impact on the ability of individuals to access or sustain employment.

Drug misuse is a serious issue not only to the health and wellbeing of the individual affected by it, but to that of their families and the wider community. Tackling drug misuse requires a co-ordinated approach involving a wide range of partners.

We will continue to **implement the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy** to reduce the impact of alcohol-related crime and disorder. As part of this work, we will improve the sharing of alcohol-related violent crime data between hospital emergency departments and partners and use the shared data to prevent alcohol-related violent crime.

Our multi-agency alcohol seizure procedure has been highlighted as national good practice by the Home Office Alcohol Team. It has contributed to the reduction in anti-social behaviour and has helped us understand more about how children and young people access alcohol. This has provided the opportunity for them to engage and benefit from early intervention.

We and the Safe Durham Partnership will implement the **County Durham Drug Strategy 2014/17** to reduce drug use and drug-related incidents and to sustain a future for individuals to live a drug free and healthy life, whilst minimising the impact on communities and families.

The 'Recovery Academy Durham' is just one of our services aimed at building recovery. Clients benefit from working with trained peer therapists who have had similar experiences. After the client has graduated they are offered a secondary programme to help with education, employment, training and ongoing recovery support.

Following the tragic deaths of three university students in the river Wear in Durham city over a fourteen month period, the council has been working closely with the university, the police, Durham Students' Union and the cathedral as the City Safety Group to agree and implement a series of actions and measures to improve personal and riverside safety in the city. These actions include working with students and licensed premises in the city to ensure that alcohol is supplied and consumed in a safe and sensible way.

5. Casualty Reduction

Overall road casualty number in the county are lower than national levels and there has been a general downward trend. Although 2013 saw the fewest number of road casualties since detailed records began in 1979, concerns remain about the level and severity of injuries to vulnerable road users, particularly children.

Numbers of people who have been killed or seriously injured remains small. The vast majority of accidents result in slight injuries. An analysis of location data for all child casualties in County Durham over a four year period shows that the majority (86%) of incidents occur within a 600 metre radius of a school. Furthermore, there are 33 schools within the county that experience collisions of more than twice the mean within this radius. National accident statistics show that pedestrians knocked down by a vehicle travelling at 40mph has only a 5% chance of surviving; at 30mph it is 45% but at 20mph, the chances of surviving rise to 95%. Reducing speed also reduces the chances of having a collision at all.

The council has therefore agreed to **introduce part-time 20mph limits** on main and distributor roads around the 33 schools with the highest accident rates, subject to local consultation and scheme design.

6. Embed the Think Family approach

'Think Family' is a multi-agency approach which seeks to provide early intervention for those families which have problems and cause problems to the community around them. It requires all agencies to consider the needs of the whole family when working with individual members of it. To 'Think Family' is to understand that children's problems do not sit in isolation from their parents, and that parents' problems impact on their children. This approach ensures that all family members are able to get the support they need, at the right time, to help their children achieve good outcomes. This means making sure that families receive co-ordinated, multi-agency, solution-focused support.

The Safe Durham Partnership and we have adopted this approach in order to provide families with the best possible opportunity to avoid involvement in crime and disorder and to reduce their impact on services. This will lead to financial benefits and will present social benefits for areas of the county where communities suffer most.

The County Durham Stronger Families Programme is currently on track to turn around its targeted number of 1320 families by May 2015. Families have received help and support delivered with a 'Think Family' multi-agency approach coordinated by a Lead Professional and a Team around the Family utilising a single multi-agency care plan in order to reduce duplication and maximise impact.

In June 2014, the Government announced plans to expand the Troubled Families Programme for a further five years from 2015/16 and to reach an additional 400,000 families across England; for Durham this means an additional 4000 families will be targeted. Due to County Durham's success in turning around the lives of families on the Stronger Families Programme it has been asked to enter the expanded programme early.

We will continue to develop and **train staff in restorative approaches for early intervention when working with families**, to prevent them from offending.

Summary

<p>Going Well:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-social behaviour fell by 4.9% in 2013/14 and has fallen by two thirds since 2006/07. • The rate of adult re-offending has reduced by 65% for offenders within the Integrated Offender Management programme. • The number of first time entrants to the youth justice system reduced by 17% in 2013/14. • 93.6% of adult social care users surveyed reported that care and support services received helped them to feel safe and secure. • Repeat cases of domestic abuse are lower than the national average 	<p>Look Out For:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The “Sorry’s Not Enough” domestic abuse campaign and a dedicated website for the public. • New tools and powers to tackle anti-social behaviour. • A new integrated drug and alcohol service delivering prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and promoting recovery. • A new Community Rehabilitation Company, ARCC (Achieving Real Change in the Community), delivering rehabilitation and offender management services. • Safe Places - a place to go for those who feel anxious, confused or unsafe.
<p>Cause for Concern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not as many people have gone through drug treatment as we had hoped - a national trend. • A 9.7% rise in overall crime over 2013/14 is forecast to be followed by a 1.7% increase in total crime in 2014/15. • 11.7% of all crime was alcohol-related in 2013/14. • 15.3% of all anti-social behaviour incidents involved alcohol. • Increase to the national terrorist threat level to severe. • County Durham experiences significantly higher alcohol specific hospital admission rates than England for both men and women. 	<p>Did you know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of Care Connect emergency calls are dealt with in 60 minutes (somebody arrives at the property) • Due to success, County Durham was selected to start phase 2 of the Troubled Families programme early (known locally as Stronger Families). • County Durham has more households in a Neighbourhood Watch scheme than anywhere else in the country. • We are planning a new model to prevent domestic abuse and tackle perpetrators by challenging behaviours. • £500,000 external funding secured for a volunteer Safer Homes Project.

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

23 March 2015

Police and Crime Panel



Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with progress of the Police and Crime Panel (PCP) for the Durham Constabulary Force area.

Background

2. This report builds upon information previously presented to the Committee and the aim of this report is to provide an update to Members in relation to the following areas from the Panel's meeting on 3 March:
 - Reviewing the Police and Crime Plan 2015-17
 - Revenue and Capital Budgets 2015/16
 - HMIC Inspection Update
 - Presentations on 'Checkpoint', Mental Health and interactive Public Performance Report

Detail

3. ***Reviewing the Police and Crime Plan 2015***
The Police Reform & Social Responsibility Act requires that prior to the Police and Crime Commissioner publishing or revising a Police and Crime Plan that the Police and Crime Panel are to review and make a report to the Commissioner on its content.
4. The Panel considered the refresh of the Police and Crime Plan and in summary, provided support and acknowledgement to the PCC and his office for the comprehensive publication and their approach to consultation across the Force area. A copy of the plan can be obtained from the PCC's website <http://www.durham-pcc.gov.uk/Home.aspx>
5. ***Revenue and Capital Budgets 2015/16***
Mr Gary Ridley, Chief Finance Officer and the Police and Crime Commissioner presented the budget report to the Panel. The report provides information on the overall budget, income, capital and reserves and highlights that whilst a balanced budget for 2015/16 can be achieved there is a tougher challenge for 2016/17 and future years. The Panel are to receive the Medium Term Financial Plan at its next meeting in June.
6. ***Inspection Update***
The Panel received a report from the Chief Finance Officer providing details of anticipated inspections in 2015, recently published inspection reports and pending inspection reports.

During 2015, it is expected that the Force will receive HMIC inspections on 'Identifying vulnerability in case files', 'Firearms Licensing', 'Missing and Absent Persons', 'Stalking and Harassment', 'Trafficking and Slavery/Honour based violence' and 'Digitisation in the Criminal Justice Service'. The HMIC with the Criminal Justice Joint Inspection are to undertake an inspection on Local Criminal Justice Partnerships and an Ofsted-led joint inspection on Child Protection is also anticipated.

7. The Panel were informed that a report from HMIC/HMCPSI on Road Traffic Accidents including fatalities had recently been published and that reports from the HMIC were pending on 'Building the Picture' (Information Management) (Savile) and '21st Century Child Sexual Exploitation'.

8. ***Presentations on 'Checkpoint', Mental Health and interactive Public Performance Report***

Superintendent Kevin Weir, Durham Constabulary was in attendance to provide the panel with two presentations on 'Checkpoint' and Mental Health. The Checkpoint initiative builds upon restorative practices with the aim through partnership working to reduce reoffending following 'low level crime'. The Panel noted information within the presentation and requested that a progress report be included within the Panel's work programme.

9. The second presentation provided the Panel with an overview on the challenges and future work with regard to people with Mental Health and learning disabilities. The Panel were informed that County Durham had the 2nd highest level of suicide, accounted for 20% police time nationally and availability of accurate information. Work undertaken within the Force area has included Mental Health Qualifier Definition on Systems recognising Victim, Witness, Perpetrator, Liaison and Diversion staff across Force Custody suites with outreach follow-up and work with CAMHS (Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service) Crisis Team for out of hours cover for Custody and A & E. The Panel acknowledged work that had been undertaken, commented on the importance of partnership working and information sharing protocols and requested an update report to a future Panel meeting.

10. Alan Reiss, Chief of Staff to the PCC, provided the Panel with a demonstration of a recently launched interactive public performance report published by the PCC. The report available from the PCC's website provides information on key performance data linked to the Commissioner's priorities and anti-social behaviour at a local level.

Recommendation

11. Members of the Committee are asked to note information contained within the report and comment accordingly.

Background Papers

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – None

Staffing – None

Risk - None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – None

Accommodation - None

Crime and Disorder – information contained within this report is linked to Altogether Safer element of the Council Plan and establishment of a Police and Crime Panel to scrutinise the elected Police and Crime Commissioner.

Human Rights – None

Consultation – None

Procurement – None

Disability Issues – None

Legal Implications – the Panel’s responsibilities within the Police, Reform and Social Responsibility Act is referenced within the report

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