

**Safer and Stronger Communities  
Scrutiny Committee**

**Safe Durham Partnership Update**

**25 February 2014**



**Safe Durham Partnership**

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**Report of Peter Appleton, Head of Planning and Service Strategy**

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**Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To provide Members of the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee with a summary update on the key issues discussed at the November 2013 and January 2014 Safe Durham Partnership (SDP) Board.

**Altogether Safer – Corporate Basket of Indicators 2014/15**

- 2 The Corporate Basket of indicators is a high level set of measures used to inform a range of audiences (including Overview & Scrutiny Committees and the County Durham Partnership Board) of progress being made in achieving the priorities identified within the Sustainable Communities Strategy. The Corporate Basket is subject to an annual refresh in order to ensure that the indicators included are the most appropriate to monitor the priorities of the Safe Durham Partnership. There will be minimal changes to the Altogether Safer basket of indicators in 2014/15.
- 3 Although crime levels are not an identified priority on its own, a small selection of crime measures will be retained within the Basket of indicators, so that the relevant bodies are sighted on crime trends and patterns in the County and benchmarked with other areas.
- 4 A full list of the indicators for Altogether Safer for inclusion in the corporate basket for 2014/15 is attached at Appendix 2. Indicators marked with an \* will also be used to monitor the impact of Welfare Reform on crime as agreed by the SDP Board on 26<sup>th</sup> November.

**Joint Anti-social behaviour and Mental Health Protocol**

- 5 The Safe Durham Partnership anti-social behaviour team has been working at an operational level with the Community Adult Mental Health Teams in County Durham to ensure that when reports of anti-social behaviour are investigated, and mental health concerns are expressed in relation to the perpetrator or complainant, these have been referred for assessment at an early stage.

- 6 Between 02/04/13 and 31/12/13 the ASB teams made 57 checks and referred 3 cases to the Community Mental Health teams. These small numbers were anticipated as it was never expected that the demand on the function within the Community Mental Health teams' workload would be too onerous. However, where it has been considered relevant to contact Mental Health, it has been beneficial to be able to discuss an individual's case with the single point of access worker on duty and, subject to information sharing conditions being satisfied, obtain disclosure to assist with the management of the case.
- 7 This joint working has allowed both teams to consider all avenues of support or appropriate enforcement measures and has led to improved outcomes for victims and perpetrators of anti-social behaviour.
- 8 The Safe Durham Partnership Board agreed to formally adopt the pilot subject to final sign off from TEWV NHS Foundation Trust Information Governance.

### **Police and Crime Commissioners budget for community safety projects**

- 9 The Police and Crime Commissioner has received the budget settlement from the Home Office and a 25% reduction to the overall grant will be applied for 2014/15. The Safe Durham Partnership Board has agreed the 25% cuts while avoiding the premature withdrawal of any of its projects.
- 10 The Home Office have indicated that rolling 3.5% reductions to the police budget will be implemented from 2014/15 onwards, therefore, an additional £17,890 may need to be identified as part of this process. However, discussions are ongoing with the Police and Crime Commissioner to apply this 3.5% budget cut in 2015/16 resulting in a 7% budget reduction for that financial year.

### **Transforming Rehabilitation**

- 11 The Ministry of Justice 'Transforming Rehabilitation' programme of Probation reforms sets out proposals for reforming the delivery of offender services. The Government's intention is to split probation services in to two new organisations:
  - A new public sector National Probation Service (NPS) dealing with all those who pose the highest risk of serious harm to the public.
  - Twenty one regional private sector Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRCs) managing all other offenders.
- 12 The nature of the working relationship between new National Probation Service and the Community Rehabilitation Companies is yet to be established. The handover arrangements and transitional work are, at this point, still unclear in relation to strategic planning, engagement and case work.

- 13 The Safe Durham Partnership Board has received regular updates on 'Transforming Rehabilitation', as have the Reducing Reoffending Group, the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee and the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 14 The Ministry of Justice has recently provided 'Statutory Partnerships and Responsibilities' guidance, identifying both the National Probation Service and the Community Rehabilitation Companies as 'Responsible Authorities' of Community Safety Partnerships.
- 15 The programme of reform continues at speed with tight and challenging deadlines in place. At the 26 November 2013 meeting the Safe Durham Partnership Board requested a task and finish group to come together to manage the transition from a County Durham perspective. Membership of the Task and Finish Group has been agreed, including the Competition Lead Manager for our area - Mr Chris Dixon.

### **Multi-Agency Problem Solving Groups/Safer Neighbourhood Area Review**

- 16 A new model for Multi-Agency Interventions is in development. Its scope will extend beyond the traditional issues surrounding anti-social behaviour. The reasoning for this is that problems encountered with cases of anti-social behaviour often involve other, more complex, issues. The new approach will involve the referral of problem adults into a multi-agency interventions team who will adopt a model that will utilise a 'team around' approach already used in the Council's Children and Adults Service.
- 17 Multi-agency problem solving meetings will focus on adults and the range of problems they present. This will mean that case meetings will be 'Team around the Adult' meetings.
- 18 Structures and support processes are being put in place to enable officers from police, council and other agencies to work together in one place using a single and effective approach.
- 19 Consultation will take place to ensure all partners are aware of the new process and their responsibilities; for example in terms of providing information that will contribute to the risk assessment carried out on each adult referred for a multi-agency intervention.

### **Recommendations and Reasons**

- 20 Safer and Stronger Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note the contents of the report.

### **Background Papers**

None

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Finance – None**

**Staffing – None**

**Risk - None**

**Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – None**

**Accommodation - None**

**Crime and Disorder** – Information within this report relates to reducing crime and disorder and contributes 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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**Appendix 2: Altogether Safer – Basket of Indicators 2014/15**


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Priority	Indicator	Type	Performance in 2012/13	Qtr 2 2013/14 (or Latest Data)	National Comparison
Protecting Vulnerable People from Harm (including Domestic Abuse)	Repeat incidents of domestic violence (referrals to MARAC)	Target	12.6%	7.8% (Apr-Sep 2013)	24.3% (Jul12-Jun13)
	Proportion of people who use services who say that those services have made them feel safe and secure	Target	81.7% (National Survey)	90.6% (Local Survey Apr-Sep 2013)	78.1% (2012/13)
	The number of adult safeguarding referrals fully or partially substantiated	Tracker	Not available	99 (Apr-Sep 2013)	Not available
	Number of hate incidents	Tracker	222	144 (Apr-Sep 2013)	Not available
Reducing Re-offending	Proportion of offenders who re-offend in a 12-month period	Tracker	29.4% (2010/11)	29.7% (Oct10-Sep11)	26.9% (Oct10-Sep11)
	Percentage change in detected crimes for offenders in the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) cohort	Target	58% reduction	43% reduction	Not available
	First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17 (per 100,000 population of 10-17 year olds)	Target	538 (251 FTE's)	253 (115 FTE's) (Apr-Sep 2013)	514 (2012/13 [PNC Data])
Alcohol and Substance Misuse Harm Reduction	Percentage of successful completions of those in alcohol treatment	Target	42% (Oct11-Sep12)	38% (Jan-Dec 2012)	36%
	Percentage of alcohol related ASB incidents	Tracker	14%	16% (Apr-Sep 2013)	Not available
	Percentage of alcohol related violent crime	Tracker	32%	34% (Apr-Sep 2013)	Not available
	Percentage of successful completions of those in drug treatment – opiates	Target	8% (Oct11-Sep12)	7% (Jan-Dec 2012)	8%
	Percentage of successful completions of those in drug treatment - non-opiates	Target	33% (Oct11-Sep12)	36% (Jan-Dec 2012)	40%
Counter Terrorism and the Prevention of	Building resilience to terrorism	Target	Level 3	Reported Qtr 4	Not available

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Violent Extremism					
Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour	Dealing with concerns of ASB and crime issues by the local council and police	Target	59.5%	56.7%	56.7% (Most Similar Group)
	Number of police reported incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB)	Tracker	25,474	13,517 (Apr-Sep 2013)	Not available
	Perceptions of ASB	Tracker	N/A	43.7% (Apr-Jun 2013)	Not available
Road Casualty Reduction	Number of people killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents	Target	198 (Jan-Dec 2012)	140 (Jan-Sep 2013)	Not available
	Number of children killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents	Target	19 (Jan-Dec 2012)	19 (Jan-Sep 2013)	Not available
Embed the Think Family Approach	Percentage of families where a successful intervention for crime/anti-social behaviour is achieved	Tracker	Not reported	22.8% (Apr12-Jun13)	Not available
Additional Tracker Indicators	Overall crime rate (per 1,000 population)	Tracker	44.9	23.8 (Apr-Sep 2013)	31.3 (Apr-Sep 2013)
	Number of serious or major crimes	Tracker	458	369 (Apr-Sep 2013)	Not available
	Rate of theft offences (per 1,000 population)	Tracker	21.7 per 1,000 pop	11.3 per 1,000 (Apr-Sep 2013)	16.2 per 1,000 (MS Group, Apr-Sep 2013)
	Rate of Robberies (per 1,000 population)	Tracker	0.16 per 1000 pop	0.06 per 1000 (Apr-Sep 13)	0.18 per 1000 (MS Group, Apr-Sep 13)
	Recorded level of victim based crimes	Tracker	20,270	10,814 (21.1 per 1,000) (Apr-Sep 2013)	27.8 (Apr-Sep 2013)
	Suicide rate (deaths from suicide and injury of undetermined intent) per 100,000 population	Tracker	11.5 (2009-11)	Reported Qtr 4	7.9 (2009-11)