

Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

27th March 2018



Cybercrime

Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation and Partnerships

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide Members with supporting information in advance of a presentation on findings from the Committee's work on Cybercrime.

Background

- 2 At its meeting on 26th June 2017, Members of the Council's Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to undertake review activity looking at work in relation to cybercrime.
- 3 At a national level, the National Crime Agency (NCA) are leading on a number of initiatives to prevent young people getting involved in cybercrime. Locally the Safe Durham Partnership's Cybercrime Task and Finish group identified that whilst work is very much active with victims of cybercrime this aspect was identified as a gap within their activity.
- 4 The review's aim is to prevent young people within County Durham becoming engaged or remaining in cybercrime activity. This is a developing area and the review provided an opportunity to raise awareness of this issue and seek to identify improvements to reduce the risk of young people becoming involved in Cybercrime.
- 5 The review has gathered evidence through desktop research, meetings with officers from the Safe Durham Partnership, University of Sunderland, North East Regional Specialist Operations Unit and residents and undertaken focus group activity. Evidence and findings within the presentation are set within the context to preventing young people being vulnerable to getting involved in cybercrime activity and to seek more positive use of their skills.
- 6 As part of the review's process a draft report has been shared for comment and accuracy with Members, Partners and Officers. At the time of preparing this report, final comments are still anticipated and the review's recommendations will be included for consideration by Members within the presentation. Following consideration by the Committee, the report is scheduled to be presented to Cabinet and the Safe Durham Partnership Board thereafter.

Recommendations

1. The Committee are asked to consider information and proposed recommendations within the presentation and that the Committee's report is submitted to Cabinet and the Safe Durham Partnership for consideration.

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 objectives within the Safe Durham Partnership plan

Human Rights – None

Consultation – None

Procurement – None

Disability Issues – None

Legal Implications – None