

SAFER CAERPHILLY DELIVERY GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE ON THURSDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2013 AT 9.30 AM

PRESENT:

Supt. Brandon Williams (Chair)	Gwent Police
Councillor David Poole	Caerphilly County Borough Council
Councillor Colin Elsbury	Caerphilly County Borough Council
Chief Insp. Simon Jeffries	Gwent Police
Insp. Kevin Childs	Gwent Police
Natalie Kenny	Caerphilly County Borough Council
Sam Crane	Aneurin Bevan Health Board
Maria Evans	Aneurin Bevan Health Board
Maria Chapman	Police & Crime Commissioners Office
Cllr Colin Mann	Caerphilly County Borough Council
Rob Morris	South Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Darren Daniel	Wales Probation Trust
Robert Hartshorn	Caerphilly County Borough Council (Vice-Chair)
Louise Fitzpatrick	Youth Offending Service
Nadine Hudson-Featherstone	Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership

1. APOLOGIES

M. Rogers	Youth Offending Service
Mike Bridgman	GAVO
Ian McVicker	Caerphilly County Borough Council
Cllr Christine Forehead	Police & Crime Panel Representative

Cllr Keith Reynolds is no longer the representative of the Police & Crime Panel – Cllr Christine Forehead is the representative for the SCCSP Delivery Group.

ACTION – NHF to update distribution list for the group.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - NONE

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Accuracy of the previous minutes, on 6th June 2013, was approved by members of the group.

3.1 MATTERS ARISING

All actions will be covered as part of today's agenda.

6. INTEGRATED OFFENDER MANAGEMENT (IOM)

Chief Inspector Simon Jeffries provided a verbal update to the members of the group. At the last meeting brief discussions took place regarding the local drive on Integrated Offender Management (IOM) under the responsibility of Detective Inspector Nick Wilkie. There is a team of eight staff who are dedicated to the most prolific offenders; links have been made with prisons, Wales Probation

Trust and Local Authorities. Investigations take place into offenders who don't take up the offer of support. The team have been operating for 5 months and in that time there has been a significant impact on crime. To date there have been approximately 45-50 arrests made and those who persistently break conditions are called back into custody.

ACTION – DI Nick Wilkie to provide a report and presentation at the next meeting of the SCCSP Delivery Group

Rob Morris stated that at the last meeting the potential of SWFRS involvement with IOM was raised. Rob Morris met with the Chief Inspector and Detective Inspector Nick Wilkie, the meeting was very positive and SWFRS were able to offer the Phoenix Project and Crimes & Consequences to receive referrals – It is hoped a process will be in place this side of Christmas.

Darren Daniel stated that the working model and information sharing and close working across Gwent are very good. Also quick sharing of information allows Wales Probation Trust to act quickly when recalling offenders to custody – this is filtering through to general practice between Gwent Police and Wales Probation Trust.

The Chair stated that there is a change in the proposals around housing, a response is currently awaited from IOM Cymru regarding these changes and a response has been sent to Carl Sargent at Welsh Government. Changes are currently out to consultation.

4. PRESENTATION – RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND THE BUREAU – LOUISE FITZPATRICK

A copy of the presentation is available on request from Nadine Hudson-Featherstone or Louise Fitzpatrick.

Suggested viewing from Louise Fitzpatrick – Google "The Wolf Within" by Peter Wolfe

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE – KATHRYN PETERS

Kathryn Peters provided the group with an update regarding the Terms of Reference for the SCCSP Delivery Group. The document has now been amended to take account of the single plan as the replacement for the former Community Safety Plan, and this group as the replacement for the former SCCSP Strategy Group. The legal requirement for a strategic assessment is still under discussion through the Gwent Needs Assessment Group.

The structure of the SCCSP has changed significantly; there are now a reduced number of groups that currently sit as partnership groups. The Commissioning Group has reconvened for governance reasons as there still needs to be accountability through the Delivery Group for funding received.

Sam Crane spoke regarding the delivery of Substance Misuse Agenda, the Gwent Area Planning Board is currently Chaired by Supt Julian Knight, he is currently in the process of looking at the structures and the taking forward of the APB's responsibilities for delivering Welsh Governments substance misuse funding allocation.

Substance Misuse is currently split across two areas of the single plan S3 and H4; Sam Crane asked who would be responsible for feeding the commissioning plan, what the priorities would be, who decides the local priorities, what delivery framework will be used and what does this mean for delivery on a local basis. Sam Crane suggested at the last meeting of the APB that a clearer understanding be made regarding these issues.

7. PERFORMANCE SCORECARD & SIP PRIORITY ACTION UPDATE

Kathryn Peters and Insp. Kevin Childs provided updates regarding S1 & S2 of the SAFER scorecard covering both performance indicators and actions– A copy of the scorecard was distributed to the members of the group.

Cllr Dave Poole raised his concerns regarding targets set as 'fewer'. It was noted that a number of agencies do not have numerical targets including the Youth Offending Service and Wales Probation Trust. However Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee had raised the same issue.

The group were informed that the first CHANNEL process meeting in Caerphilly will be held in the next three weeks. Channel is part of the PREVENT response in the Governments Counter Terrorism Strategy CONTEST. The process identifies people who are at risk of becoming involved with extremist groups with a view to multi agency intervention to divert them away from radicalisation.. . All Probation staff have received training regarding extremism.

Robert Hartshorn stated that the last two figures of S2 regarding the House Hold Survey satisfaction response has seen an increase of 6%. The results of the survey have been extremely positive, of 10,000 households 1,800 surveys were returned.

Discussions took place regarding who should be reporting S3, the view of Natalie Kenny and Insp. Kevin Childs was that the collection of figures was easily achieved; the narrative is more of a task. S3 could possibly be reported by Kathryn Peters, Insp. Kevin Childs or Chief Insp. Simon Jeffries

The group decided that in the future only exceptions would be reported.

Chief Insp. Simon Jeffries raised concerns regarding the reporting arrangements for this framework raising the question of what information goes to the LSB.

Discussions took place regarding moving the elements of substance misuse delivery for individuals and their families (H4) from Healthier Caerphilly to Safer Caerphilly the group agreed that this requires more thought before moving H4 into SAFER.

Clarity is required from the APB – this will enable better decision making regarding H4 and S3.

ACTION – Sam Crane to provide an agenda item for next meeting regarding H4

The Chair thanked those involved in pulling information together for the scorecard & SIP document.

9. COMMISSIONING – KATHRYN PETERS

Kathryn Peters updated the group regarding commissioning.. The Youth Crime Prevention fund is delivered regionally between all five Local Authorities. The Police & Crime Commissioners fund for 14/15 will be granted through a bidding process – timescales are currently unavailable at the moment – it is anticipated that the process will be announced in November. Funding held by the SCCSP has significantly reduced; however there are small pots of money available for projects relating to ASB and crime. Decisions have been made by email discussion; however in terms of governance it is important that commissioning is properly accountable. An update on funding to date delivered by SCCSP was provided.

The Police & Crime Commissioners fund is currently supporting the SCCSP staff. The post of the Independent Domestic Violence Advocate has now moved from Social Services to Community Safety. The funding for the ASB team also includes the funding for the post of the Victims Champion.

The Youth Crime Prevention Fund has now moved to regional delivery, some projects are delivered locally others regionally. Appendix (a) of the report lists spend to date against the £35,000.00 allocated to deliver diversionary activities. A funding application has been submitted to the PCC from SWFRS, with the support of SCCSP, to extend Project Bernie across Gwent.

10. COMMUNICATIONS – NATALIE KENNY

Natalie Kenny provided the group with a brief update regarding the circulated report. Key initiatives this year will include Project Bernie, planning is currently in process and the scheme is set to run in Easter next year which falls in April.

The Junior Wardens initiative has now been launched across all Primary Schools in Caerphilly County borough and is being delivered to all year 5 pupils.

The After Dark Initiative will be launched in late November/early December. A lot of work has taken place, a new logo has been developed and communications for CCBC and Gwent Police have met and developed a strategy. Kathryn Peters stated it is hoped that the initiative will launch the same week as Alcohol Awareness week.

Darren Daniel stated that a similar scheme is currently run in Cardiff and has been for the past 12 months – the scheme has been very successful.

The group were informed that a 'teaser' campaign will take place before the official launch, information will be drip fed into the press. Should any of the group members require any further information please contact Natalie Kenny.

The media plan has been attached to the communications report as appendix A for information.

11. FEEDBACK FROM LEADS GROUP

The Chair informed the group that there is currently no information available regarding feedback from the leads group. Sam Crane informed the group that at the last meeting roles & responsibilities, structure of delivery framework and Terms of Reference for the delivery group under the LSB was discussed. None of this information has been finalised.

ACTION – Sam Crane to provide an update at the next meeting and circulate the paper regarding the above.

12. EXCEPTION REPORTING

Any exception reporting - None

13. DISCUSSIONS REGARDING S3&S4

The next meeting of the Safer Caerphilly Delivery Group will discuss S3 & S4.

14. AOB – FUTURE MEETING DATES

Cllr Dave Poole informed the group that Leisure is now part of his portfolio as a Councillor, he is currently attempting to emphasise the alignment of plans A request for information on any schemes that Leisure Services could, or currently, implement towards a Safer Caerphilly be highlighted to him. He is keen to establish new links and strengthen any weak links.

ACTION – Cllr Dave Poole will raise his concerns with Dave Phenis regarding the use of leisure facilities.

ACTION – Insp. Kevin Childs (Sgt. Rob Davies) will do a basic trawl across county any other forces doing anything already and will take forward this information when it has been received.

6. AOB

None

7. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Future meetings will now take place 3 weeks after the end of the quarter to allow end of quarter reporting to be accurately reported. Revised meeting dates will be sent as amended requests.