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## Partnership Preventing Demand Strategy 2014-2017

### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide an update to the Panel on the progress of the Partnership Preventing Demand Strategy 2014-17.
- 1.2 To provide members with an understanding of the forward plan for prevention based on the learning to-date and to provide an understanding as regards the plan to mainstream activity, which will lead to a reduction in demand on the public and voluntary sector. The aim being to tackle root causes of demand on services, helping to prevent and problem solve rather than react to demands for service in a traditional manner.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Panel members note the report and proposed direction of travel, and are alive to the funding risks to the programme.

### 3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 To ensure that Panel members are aware of the key matters relating to the Preventing Demand programme.

### 4. Summary of Key Points

- 4.1 *'The Preventing Demand programme aspires to integrate the working practices of Public, Private and Voluntary Sector service providers across Nottinghamshire to prevent demand.'* (Preventing Demand Partnership Strategy 2014-2017).
- 4.2 It will transform future service delivery by encouraging partners (including commercial) to provide a brave, innovative approach to get things right first time through prevention and early intervention.

It is envisaged the innovative approach will prevent demand by:

- Understanding and mapping of the demand.

- Encouraging a culture of early intervention in all organisations.
- Promoting the benefits of “getting it right first time” in service delivery.
- Enabling multi agency working across the county and in localities.
- Training front line workers to recognise the signs and situations where intervention is beneficial to the individual and the community.
- Enabling individuals and communities to shape the services that they need and rely upon.
- By testing innovative ways of working through pilot programmes.
- That we embed and shape national best practice.

4.3 With an estimated 50 million contacts across the public sector each year the Preventing Demand programme will aim to ensure individuals reach the right service upon first contact, thereby reducing demand on ‘catch all’ services. This will be achieved through both training and integrated working and service demand will reduce as a result

4.4 In the redesign and reshaping of public services it is essential that a number of enablers are in place across public service to ensure the step change in approach is embedded in business as usual across the public service offered to our communities. Those enablers have been identified as follows:

- A commitment to services being local by default.
- Integrated early intervention and problem solving together.
- Community and individual empowerment.
- Meaningful consultation and engagement.
- Integrated enforcement activities linked to problem solving.
- The sharing of information.
- Aligned budgets and pooled resources (spending on a proven evidence base).

4.5 Over the past year, the Partnership Prevention Strategy has tested this approach through the creation of 26 pilot projects. These are being evaluated and are providing the evidence base to move forward with this ambitious programme and partners are learning from what works in our localities.

4.6 As a result of the work over the past 12 months a forward plan based on the work, learning and evaluation from the pilots has been developed, which can be seen at ‘Appendix A’. The plan has the general agreement of partners across the county and is to be presented to the strategic group of partners across Nottinghamshire on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

4.7 The key areas for development in the next 12 months based on the learning and evaluation is the delivery of;

- Joined up Locality working in areas of high demand.
- A whole approach to our town centres bringing together the approach to business crime and night time economy.
- A partnership approach to community safety and prevention.
- Mental health.

- A joined up approach to interventions in schools, which will embed the themes of Social Responsibility, Health and Wellbeing, healthy relationships, resistance education and fulfilling potential. This will be based on interventions which have been tested and evaluated.

There will a number of other work streams to follow those listed above.

The plan outlined at Appendix A identifies the key work required to mainstream these activities into public service delivery in a joined up way, which designs services through the eyes of the citizen. Each of those identified areas has its own plan in which the detail to enable delivery is identified.

- 4.8 A number of cross agency workshops are already underway to design the approaches, which will allow for strategic decisions to be made around the shape of services going forward.

## **5. Financial Implications and Budget Provision**

- 5.1 The partnership preventing demand work was supported through Home Office Police Innovation funding following a successful bid.

- 5.2 The bid was supported by the following funding

2013/14	£50,000
2014/15	£331,000
2015/16	£341,000

In addition, significant partnership match funding has been provided to support the 26 pilot programmes. This has allowed the programme to test innovative ways of working at little or no risk to existing service delivery with our communities.

- 5.3 There is a significant risk to the final full year of funding as promised Home Office money is not clear and there is a risk that this will not materialise in the way it originally suggested. It is not clear whether the Innovation Fund will exist going forward and the principles upon which the original bid was made have changed. There is planning underway to mitigate this risk and to secure funding to ensure the positive progress made to-date is not jeopardised.
- 5.4 The Home Office have indicated a desire to work with the programme to find a way forward, but there will be a hiatus in this activity until post the general election scheduled for May 2015.

## **6. Human Resources Implications**

- 6.1 There are issues around the current programme team working with partners to ensure the programme is seen through to a conclusion and this is clearly linked to the funding risks identified at 5.3 above.

- 6.2 Plans are being considered to ensure that momentum is not lost and the work continues, whatever the outcome of the bid for additional funding to the Home Office

## **7. Equality Implications**

- 7.1 None.

## **8. Risk Management**

- 8.1 There is partnership wide governance arrangements around the whole programme, the risks to delivery are monitored through this group as are the control measures in place to mitigate those risks.

## **9. Policy Implications and links to the Police and Crime Plan Priorities**

- 9.1 The Partnership Prevention Programme has clear links into the current Police and Crime plan and Nottinghamshire wide needs assessment work, both recently published by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

## **10. Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations**

- 10.1 None.

## **11. Details of outcome of consultation**

- 11.1 Consultation on the plan at Appendix A has taken place across both partners in the statutory and voluntary sector and are due for sign off by senior partners and the Safer Nottinghamshire Board in the next two months.
- 11.2 Work on the Partnership Preventing Demand Strategy is subject of extensive consultation and engagement in pilot areas with residents and a number of innovative ways of doing this have been tested. This has identified a number of other issues facing our local communities, which sit outside of traditional crime and disorder issues.

## **12. Appendices**

- 12.1 Partnership Prevention Programme 2014-2017 forward plan - Appendix A.

## **13. Background Papers (relevant for Police and Crime Panel Only)**

- 13.1 None.