

**21<sup>st</sup> April 2015****Agenda Item: 10****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR ACCESS AND PUBLIC  
PROTECTION****YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION ADVISORY GROUP (YCPAG)****Purpose of the Report**

1. To update and provide an overview to the Committee on the work undertaken by the Youth Crime Prevention Advisory Group (YCPAG)

**Information and Advice**

2. The Youth Crime Prevention Advisory Group (YCPAG) operates locally across Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City at a delivery level to achieve the Strategic Priorities of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board. The YCPAG also works alongside and supports the strategic objectives of other youth focussed groups including: The Anti-bullying Steering Group, Children & Young People Participation Group, the Nottinghamshire Safety Education Partnership group and the Targeted and Youth Support Board.
3. This work specifically relates to children and young people and their communities and covers the following focus on violent crime, drugs and alcohol, domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation, anti-social behaviour, anti-bullying and hate crime. The group champions and promotes participation by children and young people and, where possible, involves children and young people to take a problem solving approach to prevent an reduce crime relating to children and young people and their communities.
4. The YCPAG is chaired by one of the Councils Community Safety Officers who also represents the group at national and regional level. The YCPAG Chair is also the Regional Lead for the LASER Alliance (Learning About Safety by Experiencing Risk). The LASER Alliance is hosted by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPa) with a remit of supporting members who are committed to helping people learn how to make responsible decisions about safety and risk.

**Strategic Priorities**

5. The group works to the following strategic priorities of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB):
  - i. **SNB Strategic Priority: Violent Crime & Domestic Violence, including Child Sexual Exploitation.**

**Aim:** Reduce Youth Violence

**Objectives:**

- Deliver focussed educational and diversion programmes to prevent future offending
- Ensure linkages to anti-social behaviour, drugs and alcohol and domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation, hate crime and anti-bullying initiatives in schools.

ii. **SNB Strategic Priority: Anti-Social Behaviour.**

**Aim:** Reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB) and improve community perceptions of partnership work to tackle issues of asb, drugs and alcohol, domestic abuse, hate crime and bullying.

**Objectives:**

- Work in effective multi-agency partnership and with communities to network, share and promote work to address ASB, including drugs and alcohol, violent crime, domestic abuse, hate crime and bullying.
- Letting communities know what is happening to reduce ASB, drugs and alcohol, violent crime, domestic abuse, hate crime and bullying (including cyberbullying) and acceptable internet behaviour) using a variety of media.
- Letting communities know how they can be part of the solution to reduce ASB, drugs and alcohol, violent crime, domestic abuse, hate crime and bullying.

iii. **SNB Strategic Priority: Hate Crime**

**Aim:** Implement preventative measures to reduce future incidents of hate crime and bullying:

**Objectives:**

- Focusing on early interventions and work with schools and young people to challenge negative attitudes towards vulnerable groups and promote anti-bullying initiatives; including racism, homophobic and transphobic bullying of young people with special educational needs and disability.
- The YCPAG has worked with the Strategic Analytical Unit to identify and prioritise working with the schools across the Partnership Plus Areas. The YCPAG is aligned and contributing to the review currently being undertaken by Public health to remodel Health Education across schools in the County.

**YCPAG Delivery Plan 2014-2015**

6. The YCPAG produces and works to an annual (calendar year) Delivery Plan. The Plan is regularly updated by the group with progress and a copy of the latest plan outlining the work of the group to date this year is attached as **Appendix A** to this report.

7. Several of the projects which contribute to the YCPAG delivery plan have received national, regional and local awards for being models of best practice:
- “I Pledge to Keep On Track” youth crime prevention programme was accredited by LASER in 2013/14 and was joint winner of the Best Educational Initiative Museums and Heritage Award 2013 and winner of the Regional Heritage Award for work with Children and Young People 2014.
  - Safety Zone was accredited nationally by LASER in 2013/14 and showcased in the National Journal as best practice.
  - “In Our Hands” was commended in the National Crime beat Award 2012/13
  - Dragon’s Den Style Project 4 was commended in the National Crime beat Award 2012/13 and showcased at National LASER Conference as best practice for tackling E-Safety and Cyber-bullying.
  - Dragon’s Den Style Project 5 Tackling Teenage Relationship Abuse showcased at the National TOL Arts Festival 2014.
  - Dragon’s Den Style Project 6 Finalist at the national Crime beat Award 2015.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **Implications for Service Users**

9. **Children and Young People** have clearly benefited from the interactive style of all the programmes delivered under the governance of the YCPAG. Several of the programmes have been designed to coincide with the student’s final year of primary school and at key stages during their secondary education, providing a solid knowledge base, enhancing and strengthening resistance and independence skills to prevent crime and sound transmission to from primary and ongoing throughout their secondary education and transition into adult life.
10. **Teaching** staff are enabled to draw on the expertise of the group and programme delivered to enrich the curriculum, whilst still meeting key targets relating to literacy, the wider curriculum and OFSTED requirements.
11. **Practitioners** are able to work more collaboratively, network, avoid duplication and share best practice and resources.
12. **Other partners** including Police Community Safety Officers and Youth Issues Officers have been given the opportunity to work alongside teaching staff and students to follow up issues back in the school setting and add further value to all the programmes.

## **Financial Implications**

13. Contributions were made from the Community Safety initiatives budget (2014/15) to three of the projects featured in the YCPAG namely: £15,000 to “In Our Hands”; £25,000 to the “I Pledge” youth crime prevention programme and £6,000 to the “Notts Say No to Prejudice” competition.

## **Crime and Disorder Implications**

14. The main Aim: of YCPAG is to work collaboratively and in partnership to prevent and reduce crime relating to children and young people.

## **Other Options Considered**

15. This is an information report.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

16. It is recommended that the Committee notes the various developments in the areas of work contained within this report.

## **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

17. This is an information report.

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## **Constitutional Comments**

18. As this report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

## **Financial Comments (KAS 02/04/15)**

19. There are no financial implications contained within this report.

## **Background Papers**

20. None

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

21. All