

**24th September 2013****Agenda Item: 9****REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR  
POLICY, PLANNING AND CORPORATE SERVICES.****PARTNERSHIP PLUS COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE 2013/14****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the Committee about the progress of community safety initiatives undertaken in the Partnership Plus Areas in Qtr 1.

**Information and Advice**

2. **Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood.**

- 2.1 **Victim Support ASB Caseworker** – A year's funding has been allocated from the Police and Crime Commissioner's budget enabling the continuation of this post based on the positive achievements of the case worker who supported in excess of 50 individuals who were vulnerable victims of Anti Social Behaviour. It is anticipated that, during the whole year, the Caseworker will support at least a further 50 individuals. During the first quarter, she has worked with some 20 individual cases, and continues to work with the ASB Team to pick up referrals.
- 2.2 **Security Advice For the Elderly (SAFE) scheme** - A proportion of funding has also been allocated from the Police and Crime Commissioner's budget in ensuring the continuation of the SAFE Scheme carpenter, who last year provided support to 841 households across the Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood Partnership area affected by burglaries, Domestic Violence and criminal damage. Each household was helped with additional security measures and practical safety advice to prevent them from becoming repeat victims. In 2013/2014, it is anticipated that in excess of 200 victims in the Bassetlaw Partnership Plus areas will be supported by the scheme.
- 2.3 **VISPA (Volunteering in Sport and Physical Activity)** is a volunteer scheme dedicated to sports volunteering to enable volunteers to earn points, rewards and recognition for volunteering in Newark and Sherwood. Community Sports leadership training will be provided to 35 young people in the Partnership Plus area, along with training in emergency first aid and Safeguarding and Protecting Young People. This will lead to recognised leadership

qualifications, for the participants, who will then be able to support the delivery of sport and physical activity to other young people in their community.

**2.4 Night Time Economy /Taxi Marshalls** - Taxi Marshalls were in place in the town centre of Newark for the extremely busy weekend of the Newark Festival (Friday 14 June and Saturday 15 June 2013). They ensured crowds were dispersed safely and effectively from the town centre and their intervention prevented any tensions from developing into violence.

**2.5 Street Pastors** – The project is a non enforcement response to issues in the town centres often relating to alcohol misuse on Friday/Saturday evenings. Street pastors provide a voluntary service which no other services are able to offer, their presence has provided help and assistance to people in the town centres. Patrols take place on Friday and Saturday nights over the whole year. To the end of June, patrols have been taking place regularly on both of these evenings.

### **3. Ashfield and Mansfield.**

**3.1 Public perception** – Raising public awareness around community safety and antisocial behaviour issues has been boosted by dedicated communications support. The service supports the Partnership Plus Areas in Ashfield and Mansfield, equating to one day per week per Community Safety Partnership, specifically to develop bespoke communications messages. Additionally, the officer also provides support to partners delivering partnership initiatives on how best to maximise communication opportunities.

**3.2 Hucknall and Mansfield Street Pastors** – Patrols in Mansfield take place on Saturday nights and up to the end of June 50 people have been engaged with. The Hucknall Street Pastors scheme is currently being developed with recruitment and training taking place for patrols to commence Friday evenings

**3.3 The Mansfield Extended Services Strategy Team (MESS)** – Funding from Mansfield Partnership Against Crime (MPAC) enabled wider circulation of the MESS guide across the Partnership Plus areas in Mansfield for the summer period. The activity guide promoted leisure activities from a range of partners and local businesses across Mansfield during the summer holidays for families and young people. The guide was also distributed through all schools in Mansfield.

**3.4 Domestic Violence Medium Risk intervention Worker** – The Police and Crime Commissioner has provided funding to provide a service for women experiencing domestic violence in the Mansfield and Hucknall areas. The workers, who will be based at police stations, will work with women who have been identified as medium risk through the DASH risk assessment.

### **4. South Nottinghamshire**

**4.1 Victim Support ASB Case worker** – The County Council's Community Safety budget provided funding for a Victim Support ASB worker to work 2 days

week. This post was funded last year and was well evidenced with positive feedback from a number of ASB victims, one in particular supported through a court hearing.

- 4.2 We R Here** – A charitable counselling service which works with domestic violence survivors and their children. This intervention is concentrated in Netherfield Primary School which is the only primary school in the Partnership Plus area.
- 4.3 Central College Nottingham** – Partnership funding has been used for room rental in the Partnership Plus Area to carry out interviews for persons seeking help and advice around work and apprentice opportunities. This forms a small part of a greater engagement with the college working in the area around unemployment and training.

## **5. County wide.**

- 5.1 Keep On Track** - Three new books in the award winning Keep On Track Safety Book series focusing on Safe Travel and school transition, Alcohol and Anti-social behaviour and E-Safety and Cyber-Bullying, are now free and available to download via [www.lifeskills-education.co.uk](http://www.lifeskills-education.co.uk) website. The books are also free to loan from all County Libraries for practitioners to use with young people and for parents/ carers to read. The new books will also be given to all young people successfully participating in the '999' Challenge which is delivered by Nottinghamshire police to young people at the age of transition to secondary education. The books are also used by Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service to deliver the Safety Zone project Fire Safety Set and to promote Road Safety and the Junior Road Safety Officer scheme. The books are also used as the main resource for delivering the "I Pledge to Keep on Track" Youth Crime Prevention Programme.
- 5.2 Learning About Safety by Experiencing Risk. (LASER national focus)** - The Youth Crime Prevention Advisory Group, chaired by a County Council community safety officer, will host a regional seminar on behalf of the national LASER Alliance. The group is attended by community safety and youth crime prevention practitioners, the purpose being to co-ordinate such activity, share and disseminate best practice, both locally and nationally.
- 5.3 Lifeskills-Education and D-Vibe** - As a result of a successfully evaluated pilot further funding has been obtained via Ashfield Partnership Against Crime (APAC) and the Mansfield Partnership Against Crime (MPAC) to roll-out D-Vibe online substance use survey and Lifeskills-Education programmes to four secondary schools from both Mansfield and Ashfield priority areas. The project will be managed by the County Council's Community Safety Team and administered by Lifeskills-Education Community Interest Company. The data will be collated centrally by the Strategic Analytical Unit and fed back to the Safer Nottinghamshire Board on a quarterly basis. This will hopefully provide a baseline for these priority areas so work with young people, parents and carers can be more targeted and resources used more effectively.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

6. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **Financial Implications**

7. There are no financial implications attached to this report

## **Crime and Disorder Implications**

8. Crime and disorder implications are outlined in the report

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

9. Members are asked to note the activity being undertaken in the Partnership Plus areas.

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## **Equalities Implications**

10. There are no equalities implications attached to this report

## **Constitutional Comments**

11. As this report is for noting only there are no constitutional comments required.

### **Financial Comments**

12. There are no financial implications attached to this report.

### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

13. Nottinghamshire County Council Strategic Assessment 2013/14  
14. Nottinghamshire Community Safety Agreement Plan 2011/14  
15. Nottinghamshire Police Crime and Commissioner Police and Crime Plan 2013/2018  
([www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk/Public-information/Police-and-Crime-Plan.aspx](http://www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk/Public-information/Police-and-Crime-Plan.aspx))

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

16. All