

**8<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**Agenda Item: 6**

## **REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR SOUTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND PUBLIC PROTECTION.**

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To update the Community Safety Committee about key Community Safety matters.

#### **Information and Advice**

##### **Professional Information Network (PIN) Workshop**

2. The Community Safety and Trading Standards teams are currently working with health colleagues in supporting the development of a Professional Information Network.
3. A discussion, facilitated by Health England on the 16<sup>th</sup> September, allowed partner agencies to discuss the merits of establishing a combined City and County PIN group across all partner agencies, looking at substance misuse issues, with a particular focus on Psychoactive Substances.
4. Partners discussed the role and purpose of PIN's, how PIN's had been developed elsewhere, and if a PIN was needed across the County and City. The Derby City PIN, established two years ago, was viewed as a good practice model that could be potentially adopted.
5. The Derby City PIN model is overseen by the local NPS Steering Group, which reports into the Health and Wellbeing Board for the area. Risk identified can then be escalated to the Derbyshire Safeguarding and Children's Board, via the steering group membership.
6. The Derby PIN works to the Action Plan headers of:
  - Prevention/awareness;
  - Treatment; and
  - Intelligence/Enforcement.

7. The Committee will be provided with regular updates about the development of the City and County Professional Information Network group.

### **Preventing Violent Extremism**

8. The Community Safety team recently met with the Senior Advisor from the Home Office leading on Preventing Violent Extremism, to discuss how local authorities have responded to the 'Prevent Duty', which became a statutory responsibility of local authorities in 2015.

9. The advisor confirmed from the recent work undertaken, and from observing the work at the multi-agency Nottinghamshire Prevent Training, chaired by the Community Safety team, that "Nottinghamshire would be within the top quartile of LA's in their response to the Prevent Duty".

10. Further funding will be made available in 2017/18 for Prevent initiatives, which will be applied for to incorporate work towards "building resilience" and "British values" amongst our young people.

11. This work will continue to form part of the remit of the Hate Crime Strategic Group reporting to the Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB), ensuring the key linkages between the 'Prevent' and 'Safeguarding' agendas are maintained.

### **Controlling Migration Fund**

12. In October, the Home Secretary, Amber Rudd, announced in her conference speech that a £140m Controlling Migration fund was to be launched. The fund is designed specifically to ease the pressures on public services in areas of high migration, and at the same time, implement strategies to reduce illegal immigration.

13. There will be two parts to the Controlling Migration Fund:

- £100m available for proposals to mitigate local impacts of recent migration. This will be open to bids from English local authorities; and
- A further £40m worth of Home Office led immigration enforcement activity forms part of the Fund. This will be available across the UK. The Home Office is looking at how local authorities can influence this work.

14. Government is currently preparing and soon to publish the prospectus, in setting out the scope of the Fund, and how councils can bid against the £100m (£25m each year) available for local service impacts of recent immigration.

15. This money will be available to support proposals to mitigate impacts on established residents of high levels of immigration into their communities – either at the very local level (such as within a ward) or across a larger area.

16. Where the evidence supports it, Government would expect proposals could cover a range of issues including, but not limited to:
- tackling rogue landlords or migrant rough sleeping;
  - supporting learning English language;
  - projects to develop understanding of social norms and expectations; and
  - data gathering.
17. Bids will be led by English local authorities, but could be in partnership with other English local authorities, public bodies and/or the voluntary and community sector. There will be no fixed bid deadline.
18. Since the Home Secretary's announcement, officers are currently co-ordinating the collection of relevant data and information regarding migration in Nottinghamshire, and details of any challenges, or impacts this may have had on our communities and our service provision.
19. Early (and informal) guidance from the Home Office is that bids can be for a maximum of two of the years (between 2016 and 2020).
20. The Community Safety team is currently looking to submit a bid for 2017-2019, as a joint initiative from the County Council and our District and Borough Council colleagues, adopting the successful approach already used in accessing Prevent Funding in 2015/16.
21. This work will form part of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board and the New and Emerging Communities agendas, and also has links with the Modern Slavery agenda.
22. Linked to the Controlling Migration fund, a multi-agency partnership meeting will take place in November to agree the way forward. The meeting will scope issues connected with New and Emerging Communities, and will ensure the Authority is well placed to bid into the new Controlling Migration Fund.
23. Updates to the Committee will be provided as work progresses.

## **Modern Day Slavery**

24. The Community Safety team is working with the Safer Nottinghamshire Board Anti-Slavery Champion on the development of a draft action plan a key feature of which will be establishing strong links into activities in Nottingham City and the East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership.
25. The programme of activity will include developing training, education and awareness programmes, as well as sharing good practice and intelligence to address slavery and trafficking across the area. More will also be done to promote and advertise prosecutions and investigations, as well as strengthening the way people can refer incidents of human trafficking to the authorities.

26. The Anti-Slavery partnership will support the Police and Gangmasters Licensing Authority (GLA) to disrupt the activities of perpetrators, and is also seeking to work closely with national and local community and voluntary sector organisations, such as the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and Faith representatives.
27. The draft action plan was launched on Anti-Slavery day (18 October) by the Police and Crime Commissioner, alongside representatives of the Chief Constable and the Bishop of Nottingham. The Community Safety Team is also developing a County Council response to this issue, and looking to ensure that transparent systems and procedures (around staff and service procurement) are in place.
28. This will include developing a training programme with the Gangmasters Licensing Authority to improve staff awareness of the issue and to enable them to spot and report incidences.

### **Vulnerable Person Panels (VPP)**

29. The first Vulnerable Persons Panel Development Board met on Thursday 13 October.
30. As a key part of this meeting, a new terms of reference (TOR) was discussed in expanding the remit of Vulnerable Persons Panels, from working just with victims of antisocial behaviour, to wider work with adults with complex needs, but who do not meet the current threshold for statutory services.
31. The intention of the VPP Board is to expand current membership to include other key stakeholders, to get representation from mental health services, plus the new Victims Service commissioned by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC).
32. A key concern for VPP panels remains in relation to mental health issues. In moving forward on this agenda, a plan will be developed, which will inform the wider project on Integrated Working, commissioned by Safer Nottinghamshire Board.
33. Current and future developments will be led by the Service Director for South Nottinghamshire & Public Protection, in his role as Vulnerable Persons champion, supported by the community safety team.

### **Community Safety Social Worker**

34. The Social Worker (Community Safety) for South Nottinghamshire, commenced in post in October.
35. This role is part funded by the three Borough Council's in the South, with match funding made available by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) in supporting the Vulnerable Persons delivery plan.
36. The South Nottinghamshire Social Worker post will be part of the Community Safety team for one year, where performance reports will be provided on a quarterly basis, with updates provided to this committee.

## **Gypsy Romany Traveller Liaison (GRT) update**

37. **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment** - Work continues in building relationships and awareness amongst partners and colleagues in ensuring Gypsy and Romany Traveller (GRT) needs are being met, and that those needs are reflected within the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) being produced by Public Health.

38. Key work areas include:

- Work with the Chief Executive of Beaumont House Hospice in Newark to discuss the 'end of life' section in the JSNA, and support service provision; and
- Information and advice to Public Health for the Domestic Violence section of the JSNA – in order to fully address GRT needs in service provision.

39. A final draft for sign-off will be presented to the Gypsy Romany Traveller Health and Social Care Partnership in December, which will then be forwarded to Public Health.

40. **Achievement and Education** - Work is ongoing with the Achievement and Education Team to identify any gaps in provision in terms of schools. The process of data collection in comparing national data trends on issues such as achievement, retention, transition has already commenced, and will link into a wider review.

41. Work will be undertaken with the ten primary schools who participated in the Heartstone project, following on from the Gypsy and Romany Traveller history month.

## **Other Options Considered**

42. None

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

43. It is recommended that the Community Safety Committee notes the various developments in the areas of work contained in this report.

44. The report is a regular update to the Community Safety Committee to keep them abreast of local and national developments and our community safety work.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

45. 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.

## **Financial Implications**

46. This report contains no additional financial implications, with activity reported or that proposed being contained within the existing service budget.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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## **Constitutional Comments (SLB 27.10.16)**

48. This report is for noting only.

## **Financial Comments (CT 24.10.16)**

49. The financial implications are contained within Paragraph 46 of this report.

## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

- Home Office 'Prevent Action Plan'
- Police and Crime Plan 2016 – 2018
- A New 'Controlling Migration Fund for the UK' (August 2016)

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

50. All