

**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**

2. The Community Safety team is currently working on a cohort of issues across the county with a number of partners, community safety partnerships and the voluntary sector.

**Junction 27**

3. The Community Safety team undertook a collaborative media response with Nottinghamshire Police in responding to reports of a slight increase in car cruising at junction 27, which appeared to have occurred when MFN closed for the season at the end of October. (MFN is a meeting place in Derbyshire for car enthusiasts)
4. Nottinghamshire County Council's media team worked with local TV and radio in raising awareness about the Court Injunction at Junction 27, as did Nottinghamshire Police.
5. In addition to media awareness, additional police patrols were put in place for two consecutive Sundays to monitor the situation, resulting in the serving of injunction notices to a number of individuals.
6. Overall, the collaborative work undertaken has had a positive impact, resulting in one or two vehicles appearing in the area since October, with no further complaints received to date. Police officers continue to pay regular attention to the area, plus members are updated on activities and actions undertaken.

**Crime in Rural Areas Strategy/Action Plan – 2017/19 - Consultation**

7. The overall aim of the Crime in Rural Areas Strategy and Action Plan is to acknowledge that rural crime, by its nature, impacts predominantly on the rural communities of Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood, but also rural villages in Mansfield, Ashfield, Rushcliffe, Gedling and Broxtowe.

8. Originally, the Crime in Rural Areas Strategy and Action Plan was scheduled for one year however, given the often complex nature of crime and ASB issues and the time in building trust within local communities and partners, the strategy/plan has been extended to cover a two year period, i.e. 2017 to 2019.
9. At present, the contents of this plan are very broad and now need to incorporate the local dimension and issues from each district plus wider partners.
10. Consultation commenced on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 with district community safety partnerships (CSP), public, private and voluntary sector organisations and elected members.
11. In providing the opportunity for each partner to make their key contributions to the action plan, in making it relevant to each district, comments have been invited asking:
  - (a) What headline Priority should be addressed;
  - (b) What type of local crime/issues is occurring in rural areas
12. Deadline for responses to be sent to [Yvette.armstrong@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:Yvette.armstrong@nottsc.gov.uk) by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017.
13. Although currently in its planning stages, it is proposed to hold a rural crime event to discuss more about rural issues across the county. A provisional date of March 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 has been set, subject to venue availability.

## **Hate Crime**

14. The community safety team is working with the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to develop and strengthen their response to hate crime and the practical steps that partners can adopt to tackle this issue.
15. This work will include, ensuring that each agency has appropriate procedures in place to tackle hate crime, both within their own organisation and within local communities. A key development will be ensuring that people feel confident to report issues. The CSP will ensure that work aligns with the Safer Nottinghamshire Board Hate Crime Strategy and action plan and will work closely with the Hate Crime Manager from Nottinghamshire Police.

## **Community Safety - Netherfield**

16. Together with the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership, the community safety team is currently refreshing its action plan designed to tackle crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in Netherfield. The refreshed plan will ensure that Netherfield remains safe and secure and the fear of crime continues to reduce.
17. Work will include developing relationships and working agreements with the retail outlets at the Victoria Retail Park, continued work to improve services to the survivors of domestic abuse and work with the licencing trade to ensure a safe night time economy.

### **Community Engagement - Tolney Lane - Gypsy Romany Traveller Liaison (GRT)**

18. A range of partners from Bassetlaw Newark and Sherwood Community Safety Partnership, including - The Gypsy Romany Traveller Liaison Officer - Nottinghamshire Police and Newark and Sherwood Community and Voluntary Service, are working together to engage with marginalised and underrepresented communities to increase their engagement and to promote community cohesion including members of the Gypsy and Traveller community.

### **Travellers Movement Conference (TMC) - Gypsy Romany Traveller Liaison (GRT)**

19. The Gypsy Romany Traveller officer attended the Education workshop at this year's Travellers Movement Conference 2016. The workshop discussed concerns about the current state of education provision for GRT children nationally. The term 'the lost generation' of children who are being 'encouraged' into Elective Home Education (EHE) or dropping outside the system.
20. Big issues of discussion focused on:
  - It would seem losing children at transition is common and there is little follow up. Also it has been known for schools to have them listed as travelling but again not following up if they do not return.
  - High rate of exclusions experienced by this group of children and how this affects their education.
  - Low rates of attention, achievement, retention etc.
  - A request from Baroness Whittaker's office for information with regards the education of GRT children across the country, which will be shared with colleagues in education.

### **Honour Based Violence Event**

21. The community Safety Team organised an awareness raising event for practitioners and partner agencies of Honour Based Violence and Forced Marriage within local communities, with a focus on how this can relate to Eastern European and Gypsy Traveller communities across Bassetlaw and Newark and Sherwood.

### **Complex Needs Worker pilot scheme.**

22. Each year, funding provided by this committee contributes to the work of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board for locality working enabling a number of responses affecting local communities to be delivered.
23. A post has been commissioned from Framework Housing Association to work with the six individuals with the most complex needs, whose behaviour impacts most in the town centre of Newark and require the greatest interventions to help with their needs as a result of their conditions and their vulnerabilities.

24. These individuals display evidence of Mental Health problems which are often untreated as they are masked by substance/alcohol misuse and are exacerbated by Homelessness. Behaviours commonly seen are:
- Street Begging, including aggressive and intimidating begging
  - Nuisance behaviour, allied to alcohol/drug misuse, including aggression, drunk and disorderly, etc.
  - Rough sleeping, including leaving a good deal of detritus in public places
  - Shop Theft
  - Criminal Damage, allied to leaving rubbish and urinating/defecating in doorways, etc.
  - Public Nuisance, as open drug use and intimidating behaviour can prevent members of the public from feeling confident to visit the town centre.
25. This work has proved successful with some of the most complex individuals gaining a greater control of their lives and their health, and the impact on the town centre has been recognised. It is the case; however, that those who were identified to be included in the project were the most problematic and the course of engaging with them has never been smooth; nor was it expected to be, and there is still a good deal of work to be carried out in this area.
26. There have been reductions in the rough sleeping in the town centre, and indeed, during the last winter period, when the severe weather shelter was opened, there were no individuals requiring this. There has also been a significant reduction in complaints from members of the public of alarm, harassment and distress and there have been no more complaints about rubbish left by those begging.
27. This post has been extended, thanks to further funding provided by this committee and that of the PCC to the end of March 2017.

### **High Sheriff National Crimebeat Awards 201-15**

28. As with previous years, support will be provided from the community safety team in supporting the High Sheriff, Judy Naake with the National Crimebeat Awards 2016 – 17. This will be the sixth year the Community Safety Team have assisted the High Sheriff with the co-ordination of the County submissions for the National award scheme.
29. Submissions put forward by the community safety team have led to several locally established projects, supported by this committee to be show cased at a National level, including Dragons Den Style Project, “I Pledge to Keep On Track” Youth Crime Prevention Programme and “In Our Hands” project.
30. This year’s entry ‘The Heartstone - Digital Innovation Project’ has been put forward in demonstrating where young people have a significant role in the management and delivery of the project.
31. Further updates will be provided to this committee.

## **Vulnerable Persons Social Worker Update**

32. The Social Worker (Community Safety) – South Nottinghamshire, has been working with partners across Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe in providing advice and guidance around mental health services/interventions, pathways and provision.
33. This guidance has assisted partner agencies within the Vulnerable Persons Panel (VPP) around possible action/recommendations for supporting individuals with mental health needs, plus contact details for involved social care workers if already in receipt of services or making referrals to social care if this is required.
34. The main focus of this work has been around reducing risks to self, reduce the risk of entering statutory services, building resilience, promoting independence and self-management, highlighting good practice and establishing clear pathways for individuals that do not access statutory services.

## **Community Safety Hubs – Ashfield and Mansfield**

35. In November 2016 there was a launch of the new community safety hub at Mansfield District Council that brings together teams from Nottinghamshire Police and the District Council's community safety department to provide a more joined up approach to dealing with crime, disorder and safety issues. The move to a shared centre follows a national trend of public sector organisations working more collaboratively and there are other similar successful partnership hubs already in Nottinghamshire. The new community safety hub for Ashfield will be launched in January 2017.
36. Other partners will also be working from these hubs, including Women's Aid and WAIS, and hot desking space will be provided for Nottinghamshire County Council to be part of this working approach.

## **Other Options Considered**

37. None

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

38. It is recommended that the Community Safety Committee notes the various developments in the areas of work contained in this report.
39. 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**

40. 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 services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, 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**

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

### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) 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**

42. This report is for noting only

### **Financial Comments (KRP 29/12/2016)**

43. There are no financial implications arising from the contents of this report

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

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Police and Crime Plan 2016-2018

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

- All