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| <u>SHEFFIELD SAFER AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP BOARD</u> | |
| <u>Meeting held on 22nd May 2018</u> | |
| PRESENT | <u>Representing Sheffield City Council:</u> Councillor Jim Steinke, Maxine Stavrianakos, Janet Sharpe, Julia Cayless, Nick Wright <u>Representing South Yorkshire Police:</u> Stuart Barton (Chair), Paul McCurry <u>Representing South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner's Office:</u> Linda Mayhew <u>Representing Youth Justice Service:</u> Andy Stirling <u>Representing Sheffield Domestic Abuse Co-ordination Team:</u> Helen Jackson-Phillips <u>Representing the National Probation Service:</u> Liz Mills <u>Representing the SY Community Rehabilitation Company:</u> Stephen Carroll <u>Representing the Fire Authority:</u> Matt Gillatt and Councillor Jackie Satur <u>Representing the Voluntary Sector:</u> Alan Carter |
| Also in attendance: Una Jennings (item 3) | |
| <u>Apologies:</u> Greg Fell (Public Health), Mark Smith (VCF Sector), Gail Gibbons (VCF Sector), Lorraine Greeves (SCC), Lorraine Manley (SCC), Amanda Cullen (SYCRC) | |
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| 1. | Welcome and introductions |
| 1.1 | Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership (SSCP) Board members and attendees were welcomed to the meeting. Councillor Jim Steinke was introduced as the new Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety and co-Chair of the SSCP Board. |
| 2. | Notes, Actions and Matters Arising from the last SSCP Board meeting – 6 February 2018 |
| 2.1 | The notes were agreed as a true record and all actions were discharged, discussed in the agenda or added to the forward plan. |
| 3. | Knife Crime Strategy |
| 3.1 | Una Jennings gave a presentation on Knife Crime and covered the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview on the national context of violent crime was given including homicides, firearms and knife crime offences. • Locally there has been a significant increase in knife crime offences. Anecdotal reasons for this were discussed including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A change in reporting methods and indicators has led to an |

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| | <p>increase in reported knife crime. It was noted that although a factor, this was not whole picture.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A decrease in stop and search powers being used was a given reason. Stop and search is viewed more as a proxy for visible policing presence. ○ An increase in social acceptance amongst young people across the city. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A Public Health approach will be used to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ define and monitor the problem ○ identify risks and protective factors ○ develop and test prevention strategies ○ assure wide spread adoption ● A knife bin has been opened in Burngreave with another planned for Broomhall. ● Cards will be sent to known offenders and knife carriers. This is part of a deterrent method to inform individuals that authorities are aware of their behaviour. ● The Violence Reduction programme in Glasgow will be reviewed including peer to peer elements that could be emulated in Sheffield. ● A bespoke communications campaign will involve video testimonies from hospital staff around the effects of knife crime. |
| 3.2 | <p>Comments and discussion points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Secondary schools are being contacted and engaged. There are discussions on whether primary schools will also be targeted. ● SY CRC will be doing a piece of work with SYP looking at a cohort of offenders that have been sentenced for knife crime and developing pathways. ● It was noted that obtaining intelligence for targeted stop and searches was difficult. ● A discussion was held on why people carry knives. It was noted that a perception issue was present amongst some young people who said they carried knives to protect themselves from other people carrying knives. It was further noted that there had also been rise in young people bring victims of other people carrying weapons including being asked to cache weapons. ● SY CRC and NPS said that anecdotal feedback from clients on why they use knives could be presented to SSCP Board members. |
| 3.3 | <p>Una Jennings asked SSCP Board members to agree to sign-up to the Knife Crime Strategy across partnership agencies. Una suggested this could be done electronically.</p> |
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| 4. | Drug Strategy |
| 4.1 | <p>Helen Phillips-Jackson referred to the Drug Strategy paper and highlighted key messages including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To implement the delivery of evidence based and effective |

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| | <p>prevention of drug use city-wide from early years to adulthood, focusing particularly on those with additional vulnerabilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To work with South Yorkshire Police and other criminal justice organisations to reduce the supply of drugs into the city and to take effective enforcement action. • To implement evidence based, pragmatic and compassionate harm reduction interventions that are available to all those using drugs, keeping them as safe as they can be when in active drug use. • To ensure high quality treatment and support is available for all those using drugs that is inclusive, accessible, and responds to the needs of the individual. • To promote and celebrate recovery, to communicate the message that recovery is possible, and challenge the stigma that addiction is subject to. <p>Helen said that the national strategy was a document for local areas to refer to and adopt their own tailored approach following its guiding principles whilst ensuring that responding to local need is prioritised. The national Drug Strategy has four overarching themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing demand • Restricting supply • Recovery (including harm reduction) • Global action <p>Sheffield’s strategy will use three of the four themes from the national strategy for capturing the majority of planned work as Sheffield had limited jurisdiction over “global action”. It was noted however that Sheffield can have a role in advocating for national and international evidence based policy and research. It was further noted that themes linked to international issues, such as organised crime, are captured in the document.</p> <p>Helen also noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheffield’s strategy will include intervention and prevention pathways are made available to all age groups. • The impact austerity has had on people will be acknowledged. • Emerging issues such as the online supply of substances (e.g. young people using Xanax) and needle exchange staff reporting that 50% of needles are now for people using steroids for image and performance enhancing will be addressed. |
| 4.2 | <p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRC can link in with strategy through work done in prisons looking at pathways and transitions for people going into support services. • It was noted that the Housing Strategy could link in by identifying |

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| | <p>vulnerable young people leaving care that will require support transitioning into housing provisions such as hostels or homeless accommodation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was suggested that cost effectiveness of interventions was highlighted to show how much substance misuse can affect families etc. |
| 4.3 | <p>Helen Jackson-Phillips said that the Sheffield Drug Strategy will be presented to other boards before going to Cabinet for sign-off. The SSCP Board agreed to support and implement the strategy.</p> |
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| 5. | <p>Information Sharing Agreement</p> |
| 5.1 | <p>Julia Cayless referred to the Information Sharing Agreement and key messages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information sharing agreement provides guidance on the effective and responsible sharing of information by partners in order to facilitate the aims of the Community Safety Partnership • This agreement has been widely consulted on, has been agreed by Performance Planning and Resources Group, as well as additional senior officers. • In order to formalise the document, a signature sheet is provided and partners are now asked to sign on behalf of their organisation to indicate a willingness to work under this agreement. |
| 5.2 | <p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The South Yorkshire Criminal Justice Board has submitted comments on why it can't sign up to a Partnership ISA but will be adhering to the PCC Office protocols. • It was discussed that a code of conduct would be expected from members and a further discussion would be held on governance of the ISA. • It was discussed that it would be difficult for the ISA to cover the VCF sector and noted the sector would need to review how it would agree to signing up. • The Committee Secretariat was consulted for advice on how the ISA would cover Elected Members as signatories. It was suggested that there would be a review of the function of the SSCP Board and membership including comments on how the ISA would cover different sectors. |
| 5.3 | <p>Action: Julia Cayless to circulate Information Sharing Agreement to SSCP Board members and partners to sign electronically.</p> |
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| 6. | Partnership Budget 2018/19 |
| 6.1 | <p>Julia Cayless referred to the Partnership budget and the following comments were raised by SSCP Board members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was discussed whether further fusing could be accessed by linking activity with work led by Local Area Partnerships. • It was noted that Police and Crime Panel members had queried if the Police and Crime Commissioner would allocate further funding to Community Safety Partnerships and to VCF led projects. • It was discussed and noted that it was important for funded projects to present to the SSCP Board. It was noted that the PPRG monitored projects including case studies which could be made available to SSCP Board members. |
| 6.2 | Action: SSCP funded projects to present performance and case studies at future SSCP Board meetings. A timetable of presentations to be added to the forward plan. |
| 6.3 | It was note that SSCP Board members agreed to funding proposals. |
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| 7. | Reducing reoffending |
| 7.1 | <p>Paul McCurry gave an update on the Reducing Re-offending workshop held on 2nd May and said:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The workshop was attended by officers from Partnership organisations and started with a look at the local context including a brief overview of what was known about the characteristics of the local reoffender population in South Yorkshire and in Sheffield. This included the following headings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ High Risk of harm (Adult) ○ Low/ Medium risk of harm ○ Young people who commit crime ○ Low-level offending • A presentation was given on the wider background of the underlying factors as to why people offend and the pathways of support out of offending behaviour. • A round table exercise was held for groups to discuss and consider pathways of support out of reoffending and what work was needed to make each one more effective, these included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attitudes ○ Thinking and Behaviour ○ Accommodation ○ Drugs and Alcohol ○ Children and Families ○ Health ○ Education ○ Training and Employment ○ Finance ○ Benefit and Debt ○ Abuse ○ Prostitution • An action plan will be developed from comments captured at the workshop. |

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| 7.2 | <p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Vulnerability Hub will be set up in Sheffield and include a High Frequency Offending Team working with the most prolific offenders. • Maxine Stavrianakos thanked Linda Mayhew for her support and presentation at the workshop. It was discussed that there was attendance from a broader range of services as they have been affected by a cohort of reoffenders. • It was noted that prison governors had met with Janet Sharpe to discuss housing provisions for released offenders. It was discussed that there would be a piece of work mapping where recently released offenders have been provided accommodation. This would give an opportunity to link accommodation and employment pathways by looking at providing job offers to offenders, particularly through new investment in the city. • It was noted that Sheffield's Youth Justice Service was the best performers across core cities with first time entrants and young people in custody suites at an all-time low. It was, however, warned that YJS expected a spike in reoffending rates. It was further noted that a reparation project was being developed to include diverse and interesting work providing an opportunity for young people to learn new skills. |
| 7.3 | Action: Add update on Reducing Reoffending action plan to be given at a future SSCP Board meeting to the forward plan. |
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| 8. | Forward Plan |
| 8.1 | Items were added to the forward plan. |
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| 9. | Any other business |
| 9.1 | It was discussed that there was a need to review the SSCP Board including attendance, membership and whether future meetings are open to members of the public. |
| 9.2 | Action: Add Partnership review to September's agenda. |
| 9.3 | It was noted that there would be a new date to launch the SSCP Plan. |
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| 10. | Date of next meetings: 11 September 2018 |