



SAFER BARNSLEY PARTNERSHIP

Safer Barnsley Partnership Board

Monday 12 November 2018

10:00am – 12:00noon

Town Hall MR11

Minutes

Attendees

Wendy Lowder, Executive Director Communities – BMBC (**Chair**)
Sarah Poolman, Superintendent – South Yorkshire Police
Cllr Platts, Cabinet Spokesperson for Communities – BMBC
Lennie Sahota, Service Director, Adults' Assess & Care Management – BMBC
Cllr Martin Dyson, Police & Crime Panel Representative – BMBC
Cllr Lamb, Chair - SY Fire & Rescue Authority
Liz Mills, Head of Barnsley & Sheffield LDU – Prison & Probation Service
John Hallows – Neighbourhood Watch/Safer Communities Forum
Dave Fullen, Director of Customer & Estate Services – Berneslai Homes
Rebecca Clarke, Public Health Principal - BMBC
Steve Fletcher, Barnsley District Commander – SY Fire & Rescue
Andrew Sinclair, Deputy Director – SY CRC
Martine Tune, Chief Nurse - Barnsley CCG
Erika Redfearn, Head of Governance - OPCC
Jill Jinks, Business Unit Manager for Specialist Mental Health - SWYPFT

In Attendance

Harriet Hirst, Intelligence Analyst - SYP
Elizabeth Steele, Intelligence Advisor - BMBC
Malachi Rangecroft, Head of Business Improvement & Intell – BMBC
Tracey Binks, Business Support – BMBC (Minutes)
Gill Holland, Business Support - BMBC

Apologies

Scott Green, District Commander – SY Police
Phil Hollingsworth, Service Director – Stronger, Safer & Healthier – BMBC
Mel John-Ross, Service Director Children's Social Care & Safe – BMBC
Carrie Abbott, Service Director Public Health – BMBC
Linda Mayhew – SY Criminal Justice Board and on behalf of OPCC
Chris Lennox, Deputy Director Mental Health Service - SWYPFT
Shiv Bhurtun, Strategic Gov Partnership & Transformation Manager - BMBC

1. Apologies and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

	<p>Apologies were noted from the above members.</p> <p>Lennie Sahota also attended on behalf of Mel John-Ross – Children’s SC. Rebecca Clarke attended on behalf of Carrie Abbott – Public Health. Jill Jinks attended on behalf of Chris Lennox – SWYPFT.</p>
2.	Minutes and matters arising from meeting held on 08/08/18
	<p>There was a request to change the final sentence on item 6 to read;</p> <p>“It was also reported that one authority had taken a number of asylum seeking unaccompanied children and placed them within homes in another authority.”</p> <p>ACTION: Tracey Binks to make amendment to minutes</p> <p>Following which, the minutes were agreed as accurate.</p> <p>Actions were dealt with as follows;</p> <p>Item 6. Sarah Poolman confirmed that the Commissioner is aware and in ongoing discussions with SY Police. Erika Redfearn confirmed this. The Chair asked for feedback to be brought back to the Board, once discussions are concluded.</p> <p>ACTION: Erika Redfearn to feedback to the Board</p> <p>Item 7. It was confirmed that Town Spirit has now been launched.</p> <p>Item 9. ASB Report: The Chair asked Sarah Poolman for an update on this action. Sarah reported that there has been a reduction in anti-social behaviour, which is attributable to improvements in crime recording practices and a genuine reduction in ASB.</p> <p>Item 9. Domestic Incidents Figures: Harriet Hirst confirmed that she has sent this information to Jayne Hellowell. Sarah Poolman confirmed that there is an issue around whether the relationships are recorded correctly, but the overall data is accurate.</p> <p>Item 11. Early Intervention Youth Fund: Erika Redfearn advised that they had been successful in gaining additional funding to support work on preventing child exploitation. They are awaiting news on the bid.</p>
3.	Performance & Delivery Exception Report
	<p>Sarah Poolman talked through the report and confirmed that there was no cause for concern around the totality of the data. There has been a gradual increase in overall crime in Barnsley and this is smaller than the national average. Consistent reductions have been seen since Christmas. Although there was an increase in October 2018, this is still down on last year. Sarah asked the group to note that, where violence is recorded this includes other</p>

offences such as stalking, etc.

Concerns have been raised around partnership attendance at the crime group and Sarah will be informed if this doesn't improve.

Annual Knife Campaign: Sarah reassured the group that there is no major issue in Barnsley and that the data tends to be domestic violence related.

PVP: Sarah highlighted that the Home Office implemented changes in April 2018, requiring forces to record stalking and harassment offences alongside the primary offence (e.g. criminal damage) if there are indications that this behaviour is part of a course of conduct. The data is expected to normalise year on year.

MARAC: Sarah confirmed that the coordinator maternity leave post is now being recruited. With regards to Point 3, Andrew Sinclair will bring back an update when this has been running for a while.

DV Case Study: Dave Fullen raised concerns about the Berneslai Homes case study in this report, as the matter hadn't been referred to them. He has already discussed the negative reflection on the Homes Tenancy Support Worker with Phil Hollingsworth. Sarah agreed that the wording on the report should be changed.

ACTION: Shiv Bhurtun to amend the case study on Page 7

ASB: Sarah advised that she had received information from a recent PAD meeting about the Courts getting tougher on civil injunctions, so SY Police are having difficulty using these (also CBOs). Sarah will take this up with the Justice Department. Also, the decommissioning of Holden House has escalated the use of dispersal orders and this situation will be monitored closely for the duration of the decommissioning period.

CCE: There was a concern about a street gang, but a civil injunction has helped us put a stop to it.

MAAG meetings: Work is ongoing to reconfigure the process.

John Hallows asked if there had been an increase in drug offences. Sarah clarified that these are only recorded when people are caught, so it's difficult to show whether there's been an increase. There's a perception of an increase due to the use of "spice" making it very visible. A tasking team (half-funded by BMBC) is looking at tackling drug dealing and organised crime by targeting intell around suppliers, rather than the street dealers, and their new Sergeant (who started in July 2018) is getting good results. We are trying to be more proactive about publicising this. John asked if there is a message he can get out to his groups. Sarah responded that the most important thing is to ask people to continue to feed intelligence to the police.

Jill Jinks asked about the 'normalising' of substance misuse. Sarah responded that people mis-read the media coverage about the legalisation of cannabis.

	<p>The Chair felt that the performance of service providers is good, but it is mostly top-end focussed and we need to understand why people do these things at a street level.</p> <p>CTR: Sarah asked Harriet to check and amend the “declining” figure in the diagram on page 12, as she felt this should be zero. Sarah has scrutinised hate crime levels and advised that Barnsley has seen a slight reduction over last quarter. Sarah noted good engagement with the recent awareness week and community groups. Sarah advised that the Law Commission are currently reviewing hate crime legislation.</p> <p>ACTION: Harriet Hirst to amend the figure on Page 12</p>
4.	JSIA Update
	<p>Harriet Hirst tabled the Barnsley Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment 2018/19 and presented an update.</p> <p>Harriet reported that a 23.3% increase had been seen in crime, but this was in-line with the rest of the country. Harriet pointed out that the MoRiLE chart is a guidance-only tool.</p> <p>The Chair felt that it was helpful to see the MoRiLE against public perception and thanked the group for their support. Sarah suggested that the benefit of this public consultation is getting the lower level figures, which can be fed into the PVP. The partnership thanked Harriet and the team for the progress.</p> <p>The Chair felt that the plan for 2019 is for us to learn and understand more around this theme and bring other regions into the conversation to see what we can learn.</p> <p>Lennie Sahota felt there was some really rich data in this report.</p>
5.	Our Borough Profile
	<p>Malachi Rangecroft tabled a report and demonstrated the Our Borough Profile pages on the BMBC website. This can be located by searching “Our Borough Profile” on the main webpage or using the link below. https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/our-council/research-data-and-statistics/our-borough-profile/</p> <p>Malachi talked through the report. Our Borough Profile has taken publicly available information, took a cut of the data and used it to create a reference document with a snapshot in time of the questions that the team get asked most often. It should be accessible to all. As it’s a snapshot, the data will be out of date soon after release, so the plan for next year is to use a dashboard tool which allows the data to be updated in real time. This should be in place by August 2019, with the intention to update more often than annually. The team will be going back out to key customers to find out what information they</p>

	<p>want to see. Malachi will bring this next iteration back to board.</p> <p>Malachi asked the group for any feedback or comments. The group agreed that this was a helpful document. The Chair asked the group to make use of it and feedback to the Board.</p> <p>Cllr Lamb reported that he has used it in his Ward and for his own information. He found what he needed and it was easy to access. He noted a gap in the data and wondered if all partners could get data in one place? He looks forward to seeing the next version. Malachi agreed and responded that a strategic and intelligence group who are meeting to discuss this. The Chair agreed that we need to be intelligence-led and this is a step in the right direction.</p> <p>Steve Fletcher asked if it would be possible to link-in with data sets with other organisations in real time. Malachi felt that there would need to be a landing ground to ensure all data was captured in one place.</p>
6.	Public Health Strategy
	<p>Rebecca Clarke tabled the refreshed public health strategy for 2018/21 for the borough. She explained that the refreshed strategy not only demonstrates our commitment to work with partners to actively improve the health and wellbeing of residents, but also provides an opportunity to reflect on how we have worked collectively across the borough to reduce inequalities since the publication of the previous public health strategy. The priorities included in the previous public health strategy (tobacco control, physical activity and oral health) have all been reviewed. Each of these work areas all have well established programmes in place, with a number of significant results achieved over the past three years. This work will continue as 'business as usual' for public health in Barnsley.</p> <p>The refreshed public health strategy includes three new priorities: food, alcohol and emotional resilience. Each priority will have a comprehensive action plan developed in consultation with partners and other stakeholders.</p> <p>The Board thanked Rebecca for sharing the Strategy. Lennie Sahota commented that it was an accessible document. The Chair liked the focus of it and noted that the smokefree schools work is shortlisted for an LGC award.</p>
7.	Serious Violent Crime
	<p>Sarah Poolman talked through a report around on action around homicides in Barnsley.</p> <p>Sarah noted that there have been 4 this year, which is higher than normal for Barnsley. Sarah advised that it wasn't possible to discuss the circumstances, as they are all subject to criminal proceedings, but confirmed that the cases are completely disparate. Sarah noted spikes in the figures, which have now returned to normal. Sarah advised that the increase in drug offences will be</p>

	<p>due to the big push around stop-search, which is a good tactic to use. Sarah highlighted that 35% arrests is a positive conversion rate.</p> <p>Cllr Platts informed the group that the Community Challenge Board have been asked to scrutinise some of the stop searches. Sarah confirmed the usefulness of independent scrutiny. The Chair felt that the paper was reassuring given the quick increase in numbers.</p>
8.	Update on Re-offending Figures
	<p>Andrew Sinclair presented a Reducing Re-offending update, but noted that the next round of data isn't due out until after this meeting. It has been discovered that it's the older age groups that need to be targeted as opposed to younger people, which are the caseloads that are usually focussed on. Six months' ago a team was put together specifically to work at a more in-depth level with a reduced caseload. Andrew feels that this is increasing the number of arrests, but most of these are shoplifting-related. A significant proportion of the cohort have accommodation issues. Also, a specialist team are working with the Benefits Office to look at the number of people who aren't working nor claiming benefits. With regards to the monitoring of the high level of people leaving care, there is now a dedicated data analyst who is in contact with police, so this data capture is quicker.</p> <p>Martine Tune asked why care leavers weren't included in the high frequency cohort/critical pathways. Andrew agreed this should be included.</p> <p>Cllr Lamb agreed that this is a difficult to capture. The Chair advised that she had a similar discussion at a recent Safer Neighbourhood Group. They had started to think about if we should be looking at a small group to get detailed understanding of their situation, and come up with different solutions. Andrew confirmed that the reduced caseload team were trying to do this and it is being monitored.</p> <p>Steve Fletcher asked about the 10 high frequency reoffenders in Barnsley. Andrew confirmed that it had been narrowed down to people who are in a number of cohorts (at least 4) as they are consistently reoffending. Liz Mills felt that the critical starting point is accommodation, as it's difficult to assess anything else if offenders don't have anywhere to live.</p> <p>The Chair asked if the homeless figure on slide 11 is self-reporters. Andrew responded that this wasn't self-reported, but validated as having no accommodation status.</p> <p>Cllr Platts has heard from the lead of the Housing Options team that people are still presenting as homeless, straight from prison, without any prior referral. Andrew was surprised by this, as the department work with other organisations that have people in prison. Cllr Platts felt that we need an update around whether this is still happening. The Chair felt it would be useful if the group could see information about the 'Through the Gate' scheme.</p> <p>It was reported that CRC have been given funding to provide more staff to</p>

	<p>support this and this is going live April 2019. Andrew invited the Board members to contact him with any other incidents they hear about, similar to Cllr Platts' example. The Chair felt that the Board should understand how we work together in the hub, particularly around the focus cohort.</p> <p>ACTION: Wendy Lowder to circulate the 'Through the Gate' presentation slides to the Board</p>
9.	Forward Plan
	<p>It was agreed that a drill down into a better understanding of substance misuse would be necessary and therefore the agenda for the February 2019 meeting will mostly focus on this issue. Items identified for discussion;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted session on substance misuse • Mental Health (Chair to check on timings for what scrutiny are doing about this)
10.	Any Other Business
	None
11.	Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting
	<p>Monday, 11 February 2019 14:00 – 16:00 Town Hall MR2</p>