Minutes of the Safer Barnsley Partnership Board

Monday 8 June, 14:00-16:00, Virtual Meeting on Microsoft Teams

ATTENDANCE

Organisation	Name	Position
BMBC (Chair)	Wendy Lowder	Executive Director, Adults & Communities Directorate
SYP (Co-Chair)	Sarah Poolman	Barnsley District Commander
BMBC Communities	Phil Hollingsworth	Service Director, Safer Stronger Healthier Communities
SYP	Mark James	Temporary Superintendent
BMBC Cabinet Spokesperson	Cllr Jenny Platts	Cabinet Spokesperson for Communities
BMBC Adult's Care	Julie Chapman	Service Director, Adults Social Care & Wellbeing, People Directorate
BMBC Early Start	Nina Sleight	Service Director, Education & Early Start Prevention, People Directorate
NHS Barnsley CCG	Jayne Sivakumar	Chief Nurse, Barnsley Clinical Commissioning Group
BMBC Public Health	Gareth Robinson	Public Health Practitioner
Neighbourhood Watch / Safer Communities Forum	John Hallows	Neighbourhood Watch/Safer Communities Forum Representative
Berneslai Homes	Dave Fullen	Director of Customer & Estate Services, Berneslai Homes
Mental Health Service (SWYT)	Jill Jinks	Business Unit Manager for Specialist Mental Health
Fire & Rescue Authority	Cllr Robert Frost	CSP Representative, South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority
Fire & Rescue Service	Steve Fletcher	Barnsley District Commander, South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service
Community Rehabilitation & National Probation Service	Andrew Sinclair	Deputy Director, South Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Company.
Police Crime Commissioner	Alex Heeley	Senior Commissioning Officer
BMBC Strategy & Governance	Shiv Bhurtun	Strategic Governance Partnership & Transformation Manager

In Attendance

ASB Sub Group	Paul Brannan	Head of Safer Barnsley
PVP Sub Group	Jayne Hellowell	Head of Commissioning, Healthier Communities
CTR Sub Group	Julie Mitchell	Temporary Chief Inspector, Neighbourhoods and Partnership
Crime Sub Group	Paul Murphy	Detective Chief Inspector
Violence Reduction Unit	Lee Berry	Temporary Superintendent, Violence Reduction Unit
BMBC (minutes)	Alice Barker-Milner	Business Support Officer

Apologies

BMBC Public Health	Carrie Abbott	Public Health Service Director

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Barnsley CVS	John Marshall	Chief Executive Barnsley CVS
BMBC Children's Care	Deborah Mercer	Service Director, Children's Social Care & Safeguarding, People Directorate
Criminal Justice Board	Linda Mayhew	Business Manager, South Yorkshire Criminal Justice Board
Police & Crime Panel	Cllr Anita Cherryholme	Police & Crime Panel representative
National Probation Service	Graham Jones	Head of Probation, Sheffield & Barnsley
Police Crime Commissioner	Erika Redfearn	Head of Governance, South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner

ACTIONS

Item	Action	Responsible	Deadline
2.1	Meeting Attendance: Continue with membership review and split-out individual bullet points for update at next meeting.	Tracey Binks	25/08/2020
2.2	Crimes Against Older People paper: Provide update for next meeting following request to link with Simon Verrall and identify further opportunities to review/take action, via the PVP Sub Group.	Jayne Hellowell	10/08/2020
2.3	Through the Gate: Confirm which Newsletter was referred to and circulate.	Wendy Lowder / Andrew Sinclair	01/09/2020
2.4	Inspire to Change update: Provide update for next meeting following request to link with Bill Hodgkiss (Doncaster MBC).	Jayne Hellowell	10/08/2020
2.5	Inspire to Change: Share report with Safeguarding Adults Board and provide feedback at next meeting.	Julie Chapman	01/09/2020
2.6	Community Trigger Case: Confirm when procedure cascaded to SYP Neighbourhood Sergeants.	Julie Mitchell	01/09/2020
3.1	Covid Response Data: Request breakdown of serious violent crime for next report and advise that a 12-month period is required.	Phil Hollingsworth	03/08/2020
3.2	ASB Covid update: Paul Brannan to pursue integrated ASB performance reporting and address information governance issues.	Paul Brannan	01/09/2020
3.3	Crime Covid Update: Ask Neighbourhood Watch colleagues to provide the police with any information they can about crime in their area.	John Hallows	01/09/2020
3.4	PVP Covid Update: Provide an update on the March Domestic Homicide Review for next meeting. Then bring back for sign-off when appropriate.	Jayne Hellowell	10/08/2020
4.1	VRU Action Plan: Submit draft local delivery plan by w/c 13.7.2020.	Lee Berry	17/07/2020
4.2	VRU Action Plan: Review review that the draft action plan offers reassurance of the role that existing governance plays in addressing priorities for Barnsley (prior to circulation to Board members).	Wendy Lowder Sarah Poolman Mark James Phil Hollingsworth	25/08/2020
4.3	VRU Action Plan: Add sign-off of local delivery plan to forward plan, for next meeting.	Tracey Binks	01/08/2020
5.1	Public Perception: Progress and schedule for December's meeting.	Mark James Paul Brannan	16/11/2020
5.2	SBP Forward Plan: Meet with Phil Hollingsworth & Mark James to review.	Shiv Bhurtun	10/08/2020
5.3	Cohesion: Add to forward plan.	Tracey Binks	01/08/2020

MINUTES

1.	**Apologies & Introductions**
	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were received as above.
2.	**Minutes & Actions from previous meeting (24.02.2020)**
	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as accurate and actions completed, with the following updates; <u>2.1 Meeting Attendance/Membership Update</u>

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	Sarah Poolman asked if the bullet points under 'Review Board Attendance' had been addressed. They had been combined into action 2.1 which was put on hold due to redeployment to the Covid emergency response team. **ACTION 2.1: Tracey Binks to continue with membership review and split-out individual bullet points for update at next meeting** <u>2.3 YOT Data (Blaenau G&C)</u> Nina Sleight liaised with the Youth Justice Board who highlighted the challenges of comparing performance when in different operating contexts. They confirmed that Barnsley's performance for first time entrants and re-offending rates are good. Action closed. <u>2.4 Crimes Against Older People paper</u> This item had to be put on hold due to redeployment to Covid emergency response team and an update will be prepared for the next meeting. **ACTION 2.2: Jayne Hellowell to provide update for September meeting** <u>6.2 Through the Gate Newsletter</u> **ACTION 2.3: Wendy Lowder to confirm which Newsletter was referred to and Andrew Sinclair to circulate** <u>6.3 Inspire to Change update</u> This item had to be put on hold due to redeployment to Covid emergency response team and an update will be prepared for the next meeting. **ACTION 2.4: Jayne Hellowell to provide update for September meeting** <u>6.4 Inspire to Change report shared with Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB)</u> This has been tabled for the July SAB meeting and the Board requested feedback. **ACTION 2.5: Julie Chapman to provide feedback at September meeting** <u>7.1 Community Trigger Case</u> Procedure has been cascaded in BMBC. Plans to cascade at SYP training events were postponed due to Covid emergency response. **ACTION 2.6: Julie Mitchell to confirm when procedure cascaded** <u>10.1 Suicide Prevention Data – Tenure breakdown</u> The Board were satisfied that this data is being collected within Public Health. Action closed.
3.	**Covid Impact report**
	Phil Hollingsworth introduced the report and explained that in order to release capacity for the Covid emergency response efforts Sub Groups and the Performance meeting were stood down. Instead of the usual performance report, Priority Leads have provided information on the impact of and recovery from the Coronavirus pandemic. **<u>Covid Response Data (appendix A)</u>** Phil Hollingsworth welcomed feedback and requests for further data or breakdowns. Sarah Poolman requested the separation of serious violence, due to introduction of the Violence Reduction Strategy and increases in recording of low-level violence (a result of changes in crime recording standards over recent years). Going forward it would be useful to see the data over a twelve-month period to enable comparison. **ACTION 3.1: Phil Hollingsworth to request breakdown of serious violent crime for next report and advise that a 12-month period is required**

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Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) Sub Group

Paul Brannan presented a report and key points were:

- Behaviours usually seen outdoors are being driven indoors.
- More time spent indoors has meant more instances of neighbours witnessing ASB (sometimes relentless).
- Average increase of 20-25% in recorded ASB across the board (40% in more recent weeks), reflected county-wide.
- Increases seen in activities such as fly tipping.
- Some services which had to be reduced during the emergency response period (proactive, preventative and visible work) have recently been reinstated, due to the impact on reports of ASB.

Q&A

Sarah Poolman asked whether increase in reports of ASB included Covid lockdown breaches. Paul confirmed that the data he received from South Yorkshire Police (SYP) does separate Covid demand, but he is unsure how this is captured and recorded.

David Fullen confirmed that the report is a fair reflection of Berneslai Homes' experience. He acknowledged the difficulty of not being able to use evictions to enforce rent payment and noted that the issue will persist, due to social tenancy restrictions continuing for the next two months.

Sarah Poolman enquired about dates for returning to 'normal' in terms of provision (not just enforcement activity). It was advised that this would be within the next week or two.

Phil Hollingsworth added that overall recovery is expected to take twelve to eighteen months, so planning has begun for the long term.

The Chair highlighted the importance of continuing to work as a partnership with shared recovery planning and aligned thinking around commissioning services, together with a more holistic integrated dashboard on ASB.

ACTION 3.2: Paul Brannan to pursue integrated ASB performance reporting and address information governance issues

Crime Sub Group

Paul Murphy presented a report showing a change in crime demands. Key points were;

- Decrease in serious offending, compared to the previous year.
- Significant decline in offences from mid-March (beginning of lockdown).
- Serious violent crime rates have remained relatively stable, apart from a large decrease in April 2020 compared to the previous year. The biggest decrease occurred as full lockdown commenced. In May these returned to 'normality' figures.
- The predicted rise in domestic violence has not been seen across Barnsley.
- Challenges have been encountered with accessing courts and sending people to prison.

Possible explanations of the above picture are the lack of night time economy and fewer people on the streets, together with SYP being able to use resources more proactively due to the change in demand.

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Q&A

John Hallows advised that a recent Neighbourhood Watch survey showed that people felt crime had gone down by as much as a quarter. However, more drug activity had been observed.

ACTION 3.3: John Hallows to ask Neighbourhood Watch colleagues to provide the police with any information they can about crime in their area

Community Tolerance & Respect (CTR) Sub Group

Julie Mitchell presented a report and noted that disparities between areas could be a result of a cultural legacy of underreporting.

Since writing this report, a further four Fixed Penalty Tickets have been issued.

Key challenges have been:

- Understanding what can legally be enforced and what is just government guidance.
- Most reports of Covid-related breaches resulted in a visit and advice, although it seems the impression was that action would be taken.
- Difficult to collate which are Covid-related incidents and which are ASB.

It was felt that more confusion may be caused if legislation for lifting of restrictions continues to be unclear.

Q&A

The Chair agreed that there have been challenges around the reality of what legislation allows and there will continue to be a period of managing the 'grey' areas.

Protecting Vulnerable People (PVP) Sub Group

Jayne Hellowell introduced a report and advised that the Emergency Contact Centre has enabled oversight of support providers, who have been innovative and continued with business, easing pressure on communities. All have submitted business continuity plans.

Funding opportunities for providers will continue to be monitored, but no business continuity plans have been evoked at this stage.

Potential Covid-related alcohol abuse is being monitored, as people may need additional support as restrictions are being lifted.

Q&A

The Chair commented that it is important to really understand alcohol consumption and how it impacts on crime.

Sarah Poolman explained that a review is being carried out into the most recent fatal incident in Thurnscoe (it is believed the first incident in this area is connected) which could be learnt from.

Sarah Poolman asked if there was any further information about March's domestic homicide review. Jayne Hellowell offered to feedback an update and confirmed that the case would be brought back for sign-off by the Board in due course.

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	ACTION 3.4: Jayne Hellowell to provide an update on the March Domestic Homicide Review and bring back for sign-off when appropriate. Gareth Robinson advised that an Alcohol Alliance report is going to the Senior Management Team tomorrow with recommendations around the relationship between alcohol and Covid. An alcohol recovery plan is being developed, considering the data they have so far around consumption (which is not evidence-based at this stage, but shows that consumption has gone up). They have also established a Task and Finish Group to look at reopening the night time economy with alcohol related violence as part of that agenda. Councillor Platts agreed that a theme running through these reports is the need for a visible police and Safer Neighbourhood Team presence on the street. Especially in light of reports of gangs of young people and the two fatalities in Thurnscoe. Sarah Poolman reassured Councillor Platts that SYP have maintained their street presence in full effect and the patrol plan for Thurnscoe will be increased in response to the fatalities. Both individuals suffered with entrenched alcohol and substance misuse and services have engaged with them on numerous occasions.
4.	**Violence Reduction Unit (VRU)**
	Lee Berry presented a report and the following documents, which meet Home Office requirements; • Violence in South Yorkshire Area Profile Executive Summary • South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Strategy • Barnsley Ward Profile The County Wide Community Safety Board have agreed that each Community Safety Partnership would deliver on their individual action plan and report back to the VRU Executive Board, which is Chaired by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. By the end of this year the public health duty to reduce serious violence will sit with each local authority. <u>Q&A</u> The Chair added that this report has been taken to the BMBC Senior Management Team, who felt that the priorities and objectives are broad. They highlighted a need to have due regard for existing governance and plans already in place to deliver some of the objectives the strategy wants to achieve. The Chair therefore asked that the local delivery plan be progressed as follows; **ACTION 4.1: Lee Berry to submit draft local delivery plan by w/c 13.7.2020** **ACTION 4.2: Wendy Lowder, Sarah Poolman, Phil Hollingsworth & Mark James to review that this plan offer reassurance of the role that existing governance plays in addressing priorities for Barnsley (prior to circulation to Board members).** **ACTION 4.3: Tracey Binks to add sign-off of local delivery plan to forward plan for September meeting** Lee welcomed this and reassured Board members that the VRU team are mapping existing services as part of the draft delivery plan, which should complement and support what is already in place.

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	Sarah Poolman suggested that, if the reach is too broad, the impact would be limited. Therefore, the ward profile could be used to focus on wards with multiple complex causes of serious violence and review whether the VRU funded projects are in the right places. This could have greater impact and momentum in the short term, which could be learnt from and then disseminated across the district. Lee agreed. Phil Hollingsworth asked whether the intention for the VRU fund remains the same as it was before the Covid response. Lee explained that the Executive Board are going to take a more specific approach this year, for example a new initiative focusing on primary prevention looking at the causes of domestic abuse. The reason for this focus is because of the association between domestic abuse and other violence. The June Executive Board will review the initiative with a view to starting interventions in August and September. Last year's initiatives are also being evaluated. There was a discussion around the Commissioner's Community Grant scheme, which has had a lack of applications from Barnsley historically, but is coming under review to address this. Unfortunately, the Covid response has diverted attention, but will be stepped-up as part of the recovery plan. Also, the Head of Stronger Communities intends to set up a new strategic board in relation to the community voluntary sector, which would help coordinate things like this. The Chair reflected on the Troubled Families Programme and how domestic violence will feature in the VRU work. Lee clarified that the mapping of existing provisions will ensure support for the Troubled Families Programme, as the local delivery plan will identify strengths and gaps in provision. There is also some work ongoing in relation to complex vulnerabilities, which will cross into Troubled Families due to correlation with violence.
5.	**Forward Plan**
	Items are to be added to the forward plan as per the actions from this meeting. There was a discussion around the public perception item and all agreed to push back to December, in order to allow for an appropriate Lead to give it due care and attention. **ACTION 5.1: Mark James & Paul Brannan to progress and schedule for December's meeting** The Chair asked for a review of the forward plan to ensure key strategic matters are given due attention. **ACTION 5.2: Shiv Bhurtun to meet with Phil Hollingsworth & Mark James to review forward plan** Sarah Poolman suggested that a decision needs to be made about cohesion in Barnsley, as there is a gap. **ACTION 5.3: Tracey Binks to add to forward plan**
6.	**Any Other Business**
	The Chair announced that Julie Mitchell would soon be retiring and thanked her for her valuable contributions to the partnership.
	Date & Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday 1 September 2020, 2pm to 4pm, Westgate Level 3 Boardroom

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