



Minutes of the Safer Barnsley Partnership Board

Tuesday 1st September, 2pm to 4pm, Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

ATTENDANCE

Organisation	Name	Position
SYP (Chair)	Sarah Poolman	Barnsley District Commander, South Yorkshire Police
BMBC (Co-Chair)	Wendy Lowder	Executive Director, Adults & Communities Directorate
BMBC (PADG co-Chair)	Phil Hollingsworth	Service Director, Safer Stronger Healthier Communities
SYP (PADG co-Chair)	Mark James	Temporary Superintendent, South Yorkshire Police
BMBC Cabinet Spokesperson	Cllr Jenny Platts	Cabinet Spokesperson for Communities
BMBC Adult's Care	Julie Chapman	Service Director, Adults Social Care & Wellbeing, Communities Directorate
BMBC Early Start	Nina Sleight	Service Director, Education, Early Start & Prevention, People Directorate
Police & Crime Panel	Cllr Anita Cherryholme	Police & Crime Panel representative
BMBC Public Health	Carrie Abbott	Public Health Service Director
Fire & Rescue Service	Steve Fletcher	Barnsley District Commander, South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service
Community Rehabilitation	Andrew Sinclair	Deputy Director, South Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Company
National Probation Service	Graham Jones	Head of Probation, Sheffield & Barnsley
Neighbourhood Watch / Safer Communities Forum	John Hallows	Neighbourhood Watch/Safer Communities Forum Representative
Berneslai Homes	Dave Fullen	Director of Customer & Estate Services, Berneslai Homes
BMBC Strategy & Governance	Shiv Bhurtun	Strategic Governance Partnership & Transformation Manager

In Attendance

Violence Reduction Unit	Mark Miller	SY VRU Partnership Manager for Barnsley
BMBC Public Health	Phil Ainsworth	Senior Public Health Practitioner
BMBC Public Health	Garreth Robinson	Public Health Officer
BMBC Highways & Engineering	Matt Bell	Head of Highways
SY Safer Roads Partnership	Joanne Wehrle	Safer Roads Manager
BMBC (minutes)	Tracey Binks	Business Support Officer

Apologies

BMBC Children's Care	Deborah Mercer	Service Director, Children's Social Care & Safeguarding, People Directorate
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Fire & Rescue Authority	Cllr Robert Frost	CSP Representative, South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority
BMBC Safer Neighbourhoods Service	Ray Powell	Cohesion & Prevent Officer
Barnsley CVS	John Marshall	Chief Executive, Barnsley Community & Voluntary Services
Police Crime Commissioner	Erika Redfearn	Head of Governance, South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner
Criminal Justice Board	Linda Mayhew	Business Manager, South Yorkshire Criminal Justice Board
Mental Health Service (SWYT)	Jill Jinks	Business Unit Manager for Specialist Mental Health
NHS Barnsley CCG	Jayne Sivakumar	Chief Nurse, Barnsley Clinical Commissioning Group

ACTIONS

Item	Action	Responsible	Deadline
2.1	Inspire to Change paper: Share with Safeguarding Adults Board and report any pertinent feedback	Julie Chapman	30/11/20
3.1	Lived Experience Case Study (attempted suicide): Follow up with the mental health service/CCG and update the SBP Board of actions taken as a result of the learning.	Phil Ainsworth	16/11/20
4.1	Meeting attendance: All members to review meeting attendance from their area.	All	30/11/20
4.2	Meeting attendance: Ensure invites are sent to Steve Fletcher for all SBP meetings	Shiv Bhurtun	01/10/20
4.3	Performance Dashboards: Include high-level dashboard information in the performance report, as appropriate.	Phil Hollingsworth	27/10/20
5.1	VRU Action Plan: Identify who will be responsible for each action.	Mark Miller	16/11/20
5.2	VRU: Confirm what funding has been secured (generic funding and DA related).	Mark Miller Phil Hollingsworth	30/11/20
5.3	VRU: Contact the Business Intelligence Team to capture delivery of the VRU action plan on future performance reports/dashboards.	Mark Miller	27/10/20
6.1	PREVENT: Take the report to the Youth Justice Board and link-in with Mel John-Ross to take to the Schools Alliance.	Nina Sleight	30/11/20
8.1	Safer Roads: Carry out a wider briefing for elected members (after the BMBC Scrutiny Group in November), in order that the work can be cascaded out to communities.	Matt Bell	30/11/20
8.2	Safer Roads: Link-in with SNS neighbourhood teams.	Matt Bell	30/11/20
8.3	Safer Roads: Liaise with Tracey Binks to bring back an update on the above engagement to a future SBP meeting.	Matt Bell	30/11/20
9.1	Forward Plan: Remove the VRU strategy from the November 'Public Perception' agenda item, as this is now being covered in performance reporting.	Shiv Bhurtun	30/11/20

10.1	AOB: Ensure Supt. Buttle receives all relevant meeting invites appropriate for her new role.	Phil Hollingsworth	30/11/20
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MINUTES

1	Apologies & Introductions
	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were received as above.
2	Minutes & Actions from previous meeting (08.06.2020)
	<p>The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as accurate and actions completed, with the following updates;</p> <p><u>2.1.8 All to support the Chairs in setting relevant forward plan items</u> The Chair reminded members to think about relevant items. Action closed.</p> <p><u>2.2 Crimes Against Older People paper</u> Phil Hollingsworth advised that this had been allocated to the Crime sub group and would be reported through the Performance Report going forward. Action closed.</p> <p><u>2.5 Share Inspire to Change paper with Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) & bring feedback</u> Julie Chapman advised that this is on the SAB agenda for the 24th September. ACTION 2.1: Julie Chapman to bring any pertinent feedback from SAB to the November SBP Board</p> <p><u>3.1 Covid response data breakdown (serious violent crime + 12 month period)</u> Phil Hollingsworth confirmed that progress had been made in breaking down the categories. Action closed.</p> <p><u>3.3 Neighbourhood Watch crime reports</u> John Hallows confirmed that all Watches had been contacted to encourage them to report incidents to South Yorkshire Police (SYP), but that no responses have been received as yet. The Chair asked John to continue to remind people going forward. Action closed.</p> <p><u>4.2 Review the draft Violence Reduction Unit action plan</u> Covered on today's agenda. Action closed.</p>
3	Lived Experience Case Study: Mental Health
	<p>Phil Ainsworth presented a case study for Board members to reflect on a service user's experience. The key elements were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young person who attempted suicide. • Mental health assessment resulted in a low risk score. • Family felt that they didn't have any input with services and didn't know how to support their child. <p>Outcomes from review of the case highlighted areas which could be improved. These include:</p>

- Addressing heightened anxiety of parents and difficulty in reaching services (communication).
- Involving parents in the process (would their input have resulted in different conclusions?).
- Gap in care planning with child's support network.
- Information pack would have been helpful.

Q&A

The Chair believed that the Board (and the Safeguarding Children's Board) would like to see action taken on the lessons learned from this case.

ACTION 3.1: Phil Ainsworth to follow up with the mental health service/CCG and update the SBP Board of actions taken as a result of the learning

Nina Sleight asked whether there had been any follow up to issues such as an early help assessment being put in place and whether the case had been discussed at the Suicide Panel. Phil advised that the Suicide Panel had been established to look at deaths, but that intelligence was now being gathered around attempted suicides. Nina suggested that strategic issues could be raised at Barnsley Children and Young People's Trust Executive Group (TEG). The Chair asked Nina to liaise with Phil outside of this meeting to take these discussions through the TEG.

Wendy Lowder highlighted the point around providing families with information packs, as the emotional impact of these situations often means that the written word (which people can take away and read at their leisure) can be more suitable than searching digital content.

4 Performance Update

Mark James presented the Performance Report and highlighted the following key points:

Crime

- Action Fraud: additional focus is being placed on vulnerable victims.
- Robbery: the reduction seen due to lockdown may start to increase now restrictions are being lifted, so a partnership focus is being reinforced.
- Organised Crime: a revised focus, with partnership approach, is being applied in line with the strategy. To support this, the Crime portfolio has been restructured.

Protecting Vulnerable People (PVP)

- Domestic Abuse: Lockdown and SYP campaigns have resulted in an increase in reports, but partners were prepared for this. Services have adapted to online provision, with some face to face work now coming back.

Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)

- A significant spike was seen in anti social behaviour, due to a lot of reporting around breaches of Coronavirus restrictions.
- Social Cohesion: Some neighbourhood conflicts have been witnessed during the lockdown period and the long-term impact is being considered.

Community Tolerance & Respect (CTR)

- Safe Places Scheme: The final two wards have now identified suitable premises.
- Early Intervention/Awareness Training: This has suffered due to Covid affecting availability.
- Hate Crimes: An upward trend was seen, but this is reducing.

Q&A

The Chair raised concern around the lack of attendance at the Crime and CTR sub groups. Mark James responded that this will be reviewed by the new Crime Priority Lead and that development of the cohesion strategy will bring a keener focus around stakeholder involvement in the CTR group.

ACTION 4.1: All members to review meeting attendance from their area

Dave Fullen asked for clarification around the social housing lettings point (domestic violence) and there was a discussion around whether further exploration was required. It was agreed that Dave would investigate outside of this meeting.

Steve Fletcher asked for personal invites so he can ensure a representative from the Fire Service attends all partnership meetings.

ACTION 4.2: Shiv Bhurtun to ensure invites are sent to Steve Fletcher for all SBP meetings

New Performance Dashboard

Phil Hollingsworth demonstrated the new performance data dashboards, developed by the business intelligence team, and explained that;

- the dashboards provide more granular data around individual performance indicators,
- it shows quarter by quarter trends, year on year data and comparison of regional averages, and
- the detail can be as specific as (e.g.) hate crime types.

Q&A

There was a discussion around when the Board may need to see this level of detail, e.g. when the performance report refers to a certain indicator.

ACTION 4.3: Phil Hollingsworth to include high-level dashboard information in the performance report, as appropriate

5	Violence Reduction Unit Action Plan
	Mark Miller presented the action plan, which is broken down into six themes. The work involves collaboration with partners, overlaying data with SYP and providing education courses in schools. The actions will be delivered across all of the SBP sub groups and by linking into other boards. This will be driven by the Performance & Delivery Group and overseen by the SBP Board, including links to other strategic boards.

	<p><u>Q&A</u></p> <p>The Chair acknowledged the hard work taken to produce the plan in a short period of time and asked if additional funding had been secured, but this had not yet been confirmed. The Chair highlighted the need for an identified owner against each action.</p> <p>ACTION 5.1: Mark Miller to identify who will be responsible for each action ACTION 5.2: Mark Miller/ Phil Hollingsworth to confirm what funding has been secured (generic funding and DA related)</p> <p>Phil Hollingsworth commented that the plan is complimentary to existing governance structures and that the local authority would not be contributing finances, as resources are in place locally to deliver against it.</p> <p>The SBP Co-Chairs confirmed that they would be taking the plan to other boards to ensure that everyone is sighted on what is to be achieved and that they wanted a “light touch” approach on performance reporting to SBP Board.</p> <p>ACTION 5.3: Mark Miller to contact the Business Intelligence Team to capture delivery of the VRU action plan on future performance reports/dashboards</p> <p>The Board agreed sign-off of the plan, once ownership has been added.</p>
6	PREVENT Annual Update
	<p>Phil Hollingsworth introduced this report which provides assurance to the Board that the PREVENT agenda is appropriately covered, as it remains a high priority. He also noted that Channel Panel meetings had managed to continue during Covid.</p> <p><u>Q&A</u></p> <p>The Chair felt that the cohesion strategy will link-in well with the PREVENT agenda.</p> <p>Nina Sleight felt it would be helpful for this paper to go to the Youth Justice Board for discussion. The Chair agreed and also suggested it go to the Schools Alliance.</p> <p>ACTION 6.1: Nina Sleight to take the PREVENT report to the Youth Justice Board and link-in with Mel John-Ross to take to the Schools Alliance.</p>
7	Alcohol Alliance Update
	<p>Garreth Robinson presented a report and highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid recovery is a current priority. • A work programme is being developed to address issues relating to older people. • Work with the A&E department to identify trends in young people, will be cross referenced with the audit from the young people substance misuse service. • Minimum Unit Price was halted on a national level, but will progress during recovery.

- Increase in alcohol consumption: Report going to TEG about referrals into young people and adult services.
- Alcohol awareness week in November.

Q&A

Julie Chapman advised that Barnsley had seen an increase in cases of Korsakoff's syndrome and that placements are not always appropriate. She felt the early intervention work described above would be helpful.

Wendy Lowder would like to learn more about the brief interventions, especially around the workforce's confidence in having these conversations. Garreth advised that the alcohol screening and intervention training (which was being introduced just before lockdown) was proving difficult to roll-out digitally, but would be continued as soon as possible. Wendy agreed to pick up with Garreth outside of this meeting.

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Safer Roads

Joanne Wehrle introduced the Safer Roads Partnership (SRP) and explained their strategy to reduce the number of people injured as result of traffic collisions. Key points were:

- High financial cost to South Yorkshire, not including the suffering inflicted.
- Data analyst assists targeting of resources.
- Delivery is across engineering, engagement and enforcement.
- Moved to a digital content during lockdown.
- Website contains information, data dashboards and location map.

Joanne explained that the SRP is working with Barnsley Public Health and would like to enhance links with SBP, as they explore a more coordinated approach to tackling issues.

Matt Bell presented an update on Barnsley-specific involvement and highlighted:

- Resource from the SRP supports work at a local level.
- Barnsley's remit sits across several services and directorates.
- Statistics are quite low in the context of total traffic movement.
- Investigations haven't found any underlying trends/obvious reasons.

Q&A

The Chair felt that the focus on casualty reduction often leaves communities elsewhere disappointed in actions taken on their roads. Matt agreed that perception versus reality is an issue and that whilst discussions with the public about local issues are welcomed, these may not result in expected outcomes (e.g. new road markings).

John Hallows raised the issue of faulty headlights and Matt confirmed that this issue is already addressed in campaigns (such as "Be Bright", launching in October).

Cllr Platts raised the issue of cars speeding through estates and the difficulty of managing perception due to negative publicity. Also, mixed messages around whether 20mph speed limits are enforceable. Matt acknowledged these issues.

	<p>Wendy Lowder highlighted that some communities are unaware of the work of the SRP and next steps were agreed as per the following actions.</p> <p>ACTION 8.1: Matt Bell to do a wider briefing for elected members (after he attends the BMBC Scrutiny Group in November), in order that the work can be cascaded out to communities</p> <p>ACTION 8.2: Matt Bell to link-in with SNS neighbourhood teams</p> <p>ACTION 8.3: Matt Bell to liaise with Tracey Binks to bring back an update on the above engagement to a future SBP meeting</p>
9	Forward Plan
	<p>Shiv Bhurtun asked members to complete the JSIA survey and share the link as widely as possible (deadline 25th September).</p> <p>ACTION 9.1: Shiv Bhurtun to remove the VRU strategy from the November ‘Public Perception’ agenda item, as this is now being covered in performance reporting.</p>
10	Any Other Business
	<p>John Hallows asked if it was possible to counteract unrealistic social media posts by members of the public, with constructive responses via SYP Alerts. The Chair responded that a lot of social media content is in closed groups, but SYP will do their best to tackle this with the help of neighbourhood watch colleagues reporting posts of this nature.</p> <p>The Board thanked Mark James for his contributions to the partnership and announced that Superintendent Cherie Buttle will be taking over his role from next week.</p> <p>ACTION 10.1: Phil Hollingsworth to ensure Supt. Buttle receives all relevant meeting invites</p>
	<p>Future meetings: Monday 30th November 2020, 2pm to 4pm, Microsoft Teams Monday 8th March 2021, 10:15 to 12:15, Microsoft Teams Monday 7th June 2021, 10:00 to 12:00, Microsoft Teams</p>