



Minutes of the Safer Barnsley Partnership Board

Monday 21st June 2021, 11am to 1pm, via Microsoft Teams

ATTENDANCE		
Organisation	Name	Position
SYP (Co-Chair)	Cherie Buttle	Acting Barnsley District Commander, South Yorkshire Police
BMBC (Co-Chair)	Wendy Lowder	Executive Director, Adults & Communities Directorate
BMBC	Paul Brannan	Head of Safer Barnsley, Safer Stronger Healthier Communities
BMBC Cabinet Spokesperson	Cllr Jenny Platts	Cabinet Spokesperson for Communities
BMBC Adult's Care	Kwai Mo	Head of Service, Mental Health & Disability, Communities Directorate
BMBC Children's Care	Jonathan Banwell	Head of Children in Care Services, People 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	Garreth Robinson	Public Health Practitioner
Fire & Rescue Service	Rob Holmes	Barnsley District Manager, South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service
National Probation Service	Nick Hamilton- Rudd	Head of Probation, Sheffield & Barnsley
NHS Barnsley CCG	Martine Tune	Deputy Chief Nurse, Barnsley Clinical Commissioning Group
Neighbourhood Watch / Safer Communities Forum	John Hallows	Neighbourhood Watch/Safer Communities Forum Representative
Berneslai Homes	Kat Allott-Stevens	Head of Estate Services, Berneslai Homes
Police Crime Commissioner	Marie Carroll	Partnerships & Commissioning Manager, OPCC
Mental Health Service (SWYT)	Jill Jinks	Business Unit Manager for Specialist Mental Health
Barnsley CVS	John Marshall	Chief Executive, Barnsley Community & Voluntary Services
BMBC Strategy & Governance	Shiv Bhurtun	Strategic Governance Partnership & Transformation Manager
In attendance		

SYP (observing)	James Abdy	Barnsley District Commander
BMBC Community Safety	Heather Featherstone	Victim & Witness Support Officer
CTR Sub Group Priority Leads	Andy Berriman	Head of Safer Barnsley, BMBC Chief Inspector, SYP
BMBC Communications & Marketing	Alison Dixon Megan Howlett	Comms Manager, Communities Comms Officer, Communities
BMBC Safer Communities	Ray Powell	Cohesion & Prevent Officer
BMBC Minute Taker	Tracey Binks	Business Support Officer
Apologies		
Berneslai Homes	Dave Fullen	Director of Customer & Estate Services, Berneslai Homes
BMBC	Phil Hollingsworth	Service Director, Safer Stronger Healthier Communities
Fire & Rescue Authority	CLlr Robert Frost	CSP Representative, South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority
BMBC Adult's Care	Julie Chapman	Service Director, Adults Social Care & Wellbeing, Communities Directorate
BMBC Children's Care	Deborah Mercer	Service Director, Children's Social Care & Safeguarding, People Directorate
BMBC Public Health	Carrie Abbott	Public Health Service Director
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

ACTIONS

Item	Action	Responsible	Deadline
2.1	Remaining Board members to contact saferb-strongerc@barnsley.gov.uk with their nominated deputy for the Board (name, job title and email address).	Members who have not yet identified a deputy	13/09/2021
3.1	Lived Experience: Send refreshed victims charter to John Hallows before the next Neighbourhood Watch meeting.	Paul Brannan	28/06/2021
4.1	Performance Update: Arrange for SYP to contact Garreth Robinson around police officers linking-in with Night Marshalls and Pastors.	Cherie Buttle	13/09/2021
4.2	Performance Update: Contact Shiv Bhurtun to schedule an update on the impact of the VRU action plan at a future Board meeting.	Paul Brannan	13/09/2021
4.3	Performance (Fly-tipping issue): Arrange feed-in of the littering strategy when appropriate (sub groups/PADG).	Phil Hollingsworth	When appropriate
5.1	CTR Refreshed Strategy: Propose the South Yorkshire County Forum support/fund a one-stop South Yorkshire website against hate crime and feed back at the next SBP Board.	Marie Carroll	13/09/2021

8.1	New Probation Service: Invite Julie Odusanya to provide an update at a future meeting, after she has commenced post.	Tracey Binks	13/09/2021
9.1	House Fires: Following technical issues, bring update to next meeting, with clarification around the ask from the SBP Board and areas of specific collaboration.	Rob Holmes	30/08/2021

MINUTES

1	Apologies & Introductions
	<p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were received as above.</p> <p>Chief Superintendent Abdy was introduced as the new Board Co-Chair going forward.</p>
2	Minutes & Actions from previous meeting (8th March)
	<p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as accurate and actions completed, with the following updates;</p> <p><u>6.1 Safer Roads: Hit & Runs and Organised Car Meets</u> Both issues were reviewed by the Performance & Delivery Group and Paul Brannan is looking into car meets further, which will be reported in future performance reports. Action discharged.</p> <p><u>9.1 SBP Terms of Reference: Deputies</u> The Chair reminded members who have not yet done so, to provide a suitable deputy to attend SBP Board meetings in their absence.</p> <p>ACTION 2.1: Remaining Board members to contact saferb-strongerc@barnsley.gov.uk with their nominated deputy for the Board (name, job title and email address)</p>
3	Lived Experience Case Study: Victim & Witness Support
	<p>Heather Featherstone described a customer's experience of anti social behaviour (ASB) next to her home and shared the feedback received by the service after tackling the issue and supporting the customer.</p> <p>Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process is to approach with empathy and concern. • Service are contactable throughout the case. • Advice and support are consistent. • Victim should never feel they are a nuisance and they should see a reduction in the ASB, so they can feel safer and more resilient. <p><u>Q&A</u></p> <p>Paul Brannan added that Barnsley are unique in their direct offer to victims of ASB and these interventions change lives.</p>

	<p>Marie Carroll offered to form a link with South Yorkshire Police’s victim support service. Heather responded that there are good relationships in place with this charity to ensure no confusing overlap.</p> <p>John Hallows will contact Heather regarding the Neighbourhood Watch CCTV installations taking place.</p> <p>Paul Brannan offered to share the refreshed victims charter with Neighbourhood Watch. ACTION 3.1: Paul Brannan to send refreshed victims charter to John Hallows before the next Neighbourhood Watch meeting on the 28th June.</p>
4	<p>Performance Update Q4 2020/21</p>
	<p>The Chair introduced the report and highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime & ASB Overview: Seeing an upward trend which is thought to be a result of COVID restrictions being lifted and expected to continue in the summer months. • Burglaries: The implemented plan appears to be working, with a reduction in offences since last quarter. • Violence Reduction Unit (VRU): Several pieces of work are taking place around the night-time economy, now that hospitality venues are re-opening. • Domestic Abuse: Training is in progress to upskill the workforce and a new public-facing online reporting platform has been introduced. • Homelessness: Early interventions have been successful in prevention and rough sleeper numbers continue to fall. • ASB: Mounting concern around off-road bikes which, despite increased resources, is difficult to prevent. Expecting increase of ASB in town centre with reopening of retail. <p><u>Q&A</u></p> <p>Garreth Robinson updated that the Night Marshalls and Pastors are now patrolling each weekend. The Chair would like to see SYP officers linking-in at the start and end of shifts. ACTION 4.1: Cherie Buttle to arrange for SYP to contact Garreth Robinson around police officers linking-in with Night Marshalls and Pastors</p> <p>There was a discussion around the usefulness of regular updates around the VRU plan, which will continue in the quarterly performance reports. Wendy Lowder also requested a specific update around impact, given the change of pace due to COVID restrictions. ACTION 4.2: Paul Brannan to contact Shiv Bhurtun to schedule an update on the impact of the VRU action plan at a future Board meeting</p> <p>Wendy Lowder advised that the Place directorate are currently working on a littering strategy, which should link-in to the fly tipping issues. ACTION 4.3: Phil Hollingsworth to arrange feed-in of the littering strategy when appropriate (sub groups/PADG)</p> <p>Garreth Robinson requested support for rejection of a licensing application for premises in a high drug and alcohol offending area and colleagues provided suggestions.</p>

5	CTR Refreshed Strategy/Action Plan
	<p>Andy Berriman introduced a report about the refreshed Community Tolerance & Respect (CTR) Sub Group and shared a presentation, which will be circulated with the minutes.</p> <p>Key activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with community groups and identifying “Champions”. • Training and monitoring third party reporting centres and Silver Prevent/referrals. • Exploring a dedicated website for hate crime, such as this example; https://www.hatehurts.co.uk/ • Challenging online behaviour and developing tools to dispel myths. • Sharing resources and organising events. <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral levels may fall as COVID restrictions are lifted. • BMBC has a robust comms strategy. • Further updates to follow around implementation of training. • Anti-racism football event Saturday 26th June. <p>2020/21 Quarter 4 Performance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes in Barnsley are higher than the rest of South Yorkshire and it is hoped this success can assist across the rest of the Force. • Working to improve resolutions and help people understand what effect they are having on victims. <p><u>Q&A</u></p> <p>Wendy Lowder advised that the contents of this presentation will feed-in to upcoming inequalities discussions and supported the idea of a one-stop hate crime website. Marie Carroll agreed that this would be a good proposition for the South Yorkshire County Forum.</p> <p>ACTION 5.1: Marie Carroll to propose the South Yorkshire County Forum support/fund a one-stop South Yorkshire website against hate crime and feed back at the next SBP Board</p>
6	Engagement (methodology & approach) and Communications
	<p>Alison Dixon and Megan Howlett introduced a presentation in response to historic Board discussions around public perceptions of safety.</p> <p>Research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perception is personal to each individual, so difficult to unpick. • Instead, looked at work taking place and how this feeds into the bigger picture. • JSIA results and Town Centre workshops have provided feedback on negative impacts and provided target messages which could be given out by BMBC. <p>Approach:</p>

- Tailor to original research, but be proactive about current trends/issues.
- Challenge articles on other group platforms via the council's webpage.
- Share stories to ensure people don't just hear one side.

Key findings:

- The internal language we use to describe people filters down to the community.
- Talking about what's being done to help individuals with problems can stop them being seen as a nuisance or entertainment.
- Comms messages have helped to challenge misunderstanding about the Warden role.

Outcomes:

- Perception of safety can shift if we communicate positives to outweigh individual negative comments.
- Instead of criticising what's not working, go together with what needs doing.
- Engage with our staff.
- Build empathy.

Q&A

Paul Brannan advised that mystery shopper research was recently carried out and the outcome was that almost all participants felt safe/comfortable in Barnsley.

7 Prevent Annual Update & Counter Terrorism Local Profile

Ray Powell presented a report, which is **confidential** outside of this partnership.

Key points were:

- Barnsley's risk position has increased nationally, but this reflects the work of the partnership in raising the profile.
- The area's threat level has been reduced.
- COVID restrictions contributed to increased risk in online radicalisation.

Ray described current activities taking place and noted that training has been well received, with more being organised. The formal name of the Yorkshire mentoring project has been agreed as "Barnsley Rooted Communities".

Ray outlined the delivery plan priorities for 2020/21, following analysis within the Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP) assessment, as well as local experience.

Q&A

Nina Sleight advised that the Early Help Assessment Advisor role has now come back in-house and this may be an opportunity to look closely at identifying gaps. Also, Nina would like to work with Ray around children that are electively home educated.

	<p>Wendy Lowder suggested link-in to the Mental Health Partnership via Diane Lee, as they are developing the All Age Mental Health Strategy.</p> <p>Paul Brannan advised that Government are currently consulting on making the Protect pillar a statutory requirement of partners. In-part this has been informed by the findings of the Manchester Arena bombing.</p>
8	Update on Probation Service Reform
	<p>Nick Hamilton-Rudd gave a verbal update on the unified model of probation being implemented over the next 3 years, as well as providing assurance around services during the current transition period.</p> <p>Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Rehabilitation Company contracts will end on Friday 25th June. • All employment will be transferred into the “new probation service”. • Case management and interventions become the responsibility of the public sector. • Barnsley and Rotherham will be combined and under governance arrangements as part of the Yorkshire & Humber region. • Approach will be driven by the Ministry of Justice and more focussed from a community safety perspective. • Julie Odusanya will commence as Head of the Barnsley and Rotherham Probation Delivery Unit on the 28th June (julie.odusanya@justice.gov.uk). • Community services will still be on offer and a dynamic framework will be used to commission contract providers. • Operationally, nothing will change. • There will be a lot of internal transition, but focus will be maintained on partnership and delivery commitments, with improvements to process expected. • There has been a national decision to change the language used and people being supervised will be referred to as “people on probation” (offending is only one part of behaviour). <p>Nick advised there was a published service operating model available. Key documents and executive summaries can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/strengthening-probation-building-confidence</p> <p><u>Q&A</u></p> <p>The Chair would like to see an update at a future meeting, and this is captured on the Board’s Forward Plan.</p> <p>ACTION 8.1: Tracey Binks to invite Julie Odusanya to provide an update at a future meeting, after she has commenced post</p>
9	House Fire Priorities

	<p>Rob Holmes has shared a report and presentation within the Board's papers pack, but due to technical issues was unable to present at today's meeting.</p> <p>The following written summary was provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House fires increased slightly during lock down. • Confident this will reduce again once community work re-starts. • Ask from partners working in the community is for referrals for home safety checks for identified vulnerable people. <p>ACTION 9.1: Rob Holmes to bring his update to the next meeting, with clarification around the ask from the SBP Board and areas of specific collaboration</p>
10	Encompass
	<p>The Chair presented a briefing report and advised that Operation Encompass had been successfully implemented, with no identified issues. The Chair encouraged members to read the report and highlighted that the next step would be to be to include nursery children from September 2021.</p>
11	SBP Risk Register
	<p>Shiv Bhurtun presented the BMBC Risk Register document and this was agreed by the Board. This will now be uploaded to the BMBC system and monitored at the quarterly Performance & Delivery Group meetings.</p>
12	Forward Plan
	<p>Shiv Bhurtun presented the Board's current Forward Plan and asked for contributions.</p> <p>Wendy Lowder suggested postponing the next update on the Probation Service reform.</p>
13	Any other business
	<p>The Chair informed the group that BMBC's Anti Social Behaviour Policy is currently being reviewed and that a draft would be circulated for comments. Members are asked to contribute directly to Mark Giles and the final policy will be presented at the next meeting.</p> <p>Circulated for info;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to the refreshed SBP Annual plan 2021-22; https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/media/18277/safer-barnsley-partnership-plan-2021.pdf
	<p>Future meetings: Monday 13th September 2021, 2:15 to 4:15, Microsoft Teams Monday 20th December 2021, 10am to 12pm, Microsoft Teams</p>