

Community Safety Partnership

Date and Time: Wednesday, 6 December 2023, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Venue: Meeting held virtually via MS Teams

A G E N D A

	Presented by	Time Allowed	Pages
1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence	Chair	2 mins	
2. Declaration of Interests	Chair	2 mins	
Members of the Board are asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interest they may have in any matter which is to be considered at this meeting.			
3. Minutes	Chair	5 mins	1 - 5
4. Drugs and Alcohol Services Tender	C Brutton	10 mins	7 - 8
5. CSP Board and Structure Review	K Jones	15 mins	Verbal
6. One Panel	K Jones	15 mins	Paper to follow
7. Domestic Abuse Improvement Programme Update	A D'Urso	10 mins	Paper to follow
8. Domestic Homicide Review and Proposed Rapid Review	K Jones	15 mins	Verbal
9. Prevent Update	To Note	5 mins	9 - 11
10. Serious Violence Duty Assessment	D James	60 mins	13 - 184
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12. Any Other Business	Chair	5 mins	

(a) Subgroup Update Reports

Children and Young People

Substance Misuse Operational Group

(b) Safer Neighbourhood Board Update 5 mins 199 -
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13. Date of Next Meeting Chair 2 mins

Community Safety Partnership Board
DATE TBC, 10:00am-13:00pm
Committee Room 2
CHAIR: Councillor Ghani

Membership

Name	Post title	Organisation
Anne Bristow (Chair)	Deputy Chief Executive and Strategic Director for Service Development and Integration	London Borough of Barking and Dagenham (LBBD)
Sean Wilson	Interim Borough Commander	Metropolitan Police Service
Rick Tyson	Superintendent	Metropolitan Police Service
Sharon Morrow	Chief Operating Officer	Barking and Dagenham Clinical Commissioning Group
Steve Thompson	Chair	Barking and Dagenham Community Police Engagement Group
Erika Jenkins	Chief Executive	Barking and Dagenham Council for Voluntary Service
Ayse Hassan	Area Manager	Barking and Dagenham Victim Support
Councillor Laila Butt	Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Community Safety	LBBD
Greg Tillett	Assistant Chief Officer, Barking, Dagenham, Havering and Newham	National Probation Service
Faisal Butt	Operational Director, Homelessness & Worklessness	LBBD
Helen Jenner	Corporate Director, Children's Services	LBBD
Matthew Cole	Director of Public Health	LBBD
Jonathan Toy	Operational Director, Enforcement	LBBD
Stephen Norman	Borough Commander	London Fire Brigade
Douglas Charlton	Head of Stakeholders and Partnerships	Community Rehabilitation Company
Rita Chadha	Chief Executive	Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London
Chris Naylor (ex-officio)	Chief Executive	LBBD
Vacant	-	Magistrates Courts Service

Non-LBBD Advisers

Name	Post title	Organisation
Hamera-Asfa Davey	MOPAC Link Officer	Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime
Rob Bills	Chief Inspector, Barking and Dagenham	Metropolitan Police Service

LBBD Advisers and Observers

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Community Safety Partnership Board
Wednesday 27th September 2023, 10.00-13.00

Members Present: Councillor Ghani (Chair), Councillor Kangethe, Councillor Worby, David Rhodes, Julia Kanji, Amolak Tatter, Clare Brutton, Jill Williams, Simon Cornwall, Angie Fuller, Jennie Coombs, Gary Jones, Nathan Singleton, Isabelle Kennedy and Angela D'Urso

Apologies: Steve Calder, Daniel James, and Jade Hodgson

Minutes: Jennifer Kanyako

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

Councillor Ghani opened the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest to note.

3. Minutes and Action Log (March 2023)

Outstanding actions from June 2023 CSP:

- **ACTION** – Steven Calder to meet with Angie Fuller to discuss children's and adult's resettlement panel. (Completed)
- ACTION – update on ASB MARAC
- CCTV UPDATE- Qais Ghafar sent apologies on behalf of Arfan Nassem as was for his absent (Reschedule to a later date once the board advise what update is required)

4. Primary Safety School Summit by Eric Stein

In his presentation, he stated that this is the first ever primary school submit. There were 43 young people present.

The outcome of this submit was that young people lose trust/do feel safe to tell an adult almost everything unlike the secondary school pupils who do not trust adults for fear of being punished, but it was important to note that there was one young person who commented that they would be afraid to tell someone as they are afraid of being punished even at this age.

Eric stated that when given the community activity, where they were given a task to find safe spaces, the two prominent unsafety areas that were popular in this task was Becontree and Becontree heath. He said that even though the children did not state why these were prominent, but it seem obvious that it may be due to the 2 secondary schools' presence in that area.

When the children were given the school activity task, the school professional were removed from location to encourage the young people to effectively carry out this activity. Again, they

were asked to label safe and unsafe spaces around the school which they carried out effectively.

In conclusion, both the young people and the submit team were given action to take home in this activity.

For the young people this includes:

- Engaging in more youth action- Youth zone
- Being helpful and caring
- Never trust people older than them

For the submit team:

- More CCTV to be provided
- More patrols around the school areas.
- Cleaner and safer road.

Chair asked what the next steps are and if any further submits will be conducted. Eric advised that that it would be ideal if this is done every 2 years as opposed to yearly as the children would become uninterested if done yearly. He said more focus should be placed now on getting more patrols on school so that children will feel safer.

Nathan Singleton supported Eric's recommendation of regular patrols as he feels that this would make the young people feel safer. He also commented that primary school children would feel safer with police patrol whilst secondary school children would prefer a voluntary support group and any enforcement patrol team rather than police.

Action for CPS Board: Provide more patrols in the schools:

In respond to this, David Rhodes added that there is currently safety officer for secondary schools in the borough. However, they will look at introducing it in primary schools in the long run.

5. Serious Violence Duty Workshop Update:

This will be sent to all board members once the draft has been completed.

6. Knife crime work update with police and LBBB David Rhodes

In his presentation David say they recorded 538 knife crime this year which shows an increment by 53.9% than last year however, 59% this figure is mainly due to robbery and only 3.8% resulted in injury.

The highest recorded areas being Barking town hall, Goresbrook and Abbey, whilst the lowest offences areas are Beam, Alibon and valence.

He also gave the report regarding the joint hot spot team patrols and gave the following reports:

14 weapons sweeps – 8 knives recovered and 5 arrests were done.

3 weapons sweep under ops sceptre

Stop and Search Charter update.

Stop and search volume has increase from 342 to 529. According to the report, why people are being stopped to search is drug and the lowest is firearms. The reports shows that Male are predominantly the sex being target and white races the highest whilst 18-24 is the highest age bracket.

The use of body worn video for the given stats was 97.3% to which David stated is not what is would ideally want but the outcome was still positive.

During the joint community engagement, there were 2 arrest, 22 stop and search, 1 community resolution and 1 penalty notice charge.

Action: Engagements workshops with secondary school

Action: Joint network requested with partners

Action: More patrols

Would requires similar tactics on how to improve using "Ops Snare".

Joint days of actions

To be held 1 day a month bringing all partners together- focusing on major areas in the borough.

Robbery taskforce – lost hours

This has so far been successful as it has shown linked to knife crime.

The team is currently working on ways to encourage younger children to report incidents anonymously to enable them to feel safe when reporting crimes and they are waiting for more partnership with BTP.

Action Joint patrol with partners- Switch, BTP

Looking at various apps to promote quicker way to report any issue of concern.

Looking for resources to deal with long term emergencies for patrols.

Result:

The joint activity with community safety has so far been effective and looking forward to doing more with them.

This is due to the funding and therefore funding should continue as if this is removed would affect the patrol team.

Stop and search charter: this would be an operation between the metro polices and London.

The proposal is for this charter to be co-authored by the members of the public. It will have 3 phases.

1. Scoping
2. Coproducing the charter – should be done by everyone
 - a. 5 questions/feedback
3. Delivering and embedded the charter.

7. Domestic Abuse Improvement Programme Update- Angela D'urso

Funding - additional time limited funding is now fully allocated, and services are up and running. The last element - the Phoenix service for children and young people has now launched, so please do promote to all your services. We continue to submit funding bids are we currently have one bid in in relation to tri-borough working for high-risk perpetrator interventions.

The MARACSG had oversight of the MARAC elements and the pathways between MARACSG and S2S are working well.

MOPAC funded Drive is mobilising in the EABCU - useful intervention for high risk perps, but very limited capacity of the service with 8-10 people for each borough per annum.

Training: the learning and development programme is up and running and courses are well attended and evaluated.

Planning has started for the 16 days of action. There will be a conference organised and it will have a range of speakers, including academics and practitioners - all to promote across their areas please.

8. London Crime Prevention Fund Community and Voluntary Sector 23/24 Grant

Report is still being drafted.

Updates will be shared later once the report is concluded.

Nathan wanted to know how many applications were received and when was the opportunity advertised, closing date and delivery start. Gary advised that this is stated on the report once it is ready.

9. ASB Community MARAC Update

Update on ASB MARAC - lunched due to lack of intelligent or shared information. With MARAC,

Intervention of ASB with joint partnership - information shared monthly with the team. Teams will be represented, and decisions will be jointly made by the team.

Challenges:

Commitment to get all partners involved together
Sharing information timely.

Result:

So far this has resulted in 2 major positive ASB cases.

Action:

Need to be more engaging

Partnership with other partners like DV survivor MARAC

10. Domestic Homicide Review Update

Item restricted

11. Forward Plan:

Items/ issues that need to be added to be forwarded to Jade.

- Amolak Update on tendering process and drug alert
- Strategic Needs Assessment - next meeting
- CCTV update

12. Any Other Business

Subgroup teams on children's report is available so there will update next meeting.

Update on the DBS that happened in the borough is known to the MARAC. This is currently being investigated and investigated, the CPS will be updated.

Also, there was another that happened in Hertfordshire where it has been revealed that victim was also a resident of BD.

13. Date of Next Meeting- 06/12/23

It will be face to face and will be chaired by Stuart Bell or Councillor Ghani.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

REPORT

Subject: Retender for Adult and Young People Drug and Alcohol Services.

Date: Wednesday 6th December 2023

Author: Amolak Tatter

Contact: Amolak.tatter@lbbd.gov.uk

Security: UNPROTECTED

1. Purpose of Presenting the Report and Decisions Required

- 1.1 To provide an update to the Community's Safety Partnership and the Combating Partnership Boards on the progress of the tendering for both the adult and the young people drug and alcohol services.
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2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Community Safety Partnership Board:

Note the procurement update

3. Procurement Update

- 3.1 The commissioning team has received submissions from prospective providers for the adult and the young people drug and alcohol services.
- 3.2 The Commissioning and Public Health team are currently reviewing and assessing the method statements for each submission. We anticipate having this completed by mid-December 2023. The timeline is to inform the successful provider (s) in January 2024.
- 3.3 The successful providers will be notified early January 2024, with a 10-day stand-still, with the contracts going live on 1st April 2024.
- 3.4 The commissioning team is confident that the contracts will be awarded by 1st April 2024, as the submissions are of sufficient quality to appoint.
- 3.5 The following submissions received:
- Four tenders for the young people service

- Five tenders for the adult service
- Two providers have applied for both contracts

- 3.6 Once the contracts have been awarded, the commissioning team will work with the providers on the implementation and will hold regular meeting to ensure there is a smooth transition into the new contracts; especially, if the incumbent providers are not successful.
- 3.7 The contract for the new services will runs for 5-years from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2028 with the option to extend for a further 2-years. This will ensure there is a stable and continuity of treatment provides without having to retender every 3-years.
- 3.8 The commissioning team will provide further updates once the contracts have been awarded.

4. List of Appendices:

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Community Safety Partnership Board Forward Plan

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Wednesday 06 December 2023	Introductions and Apologies	Chair	2 mins	Item 1		
	Declaration of Interest	Chair	2 mins	Item 2		
	Minutes and Actions from previous meeting	Chair	5 mins	Item 3		
	Drugs and Alcohol Services Tender	Amolak Tatter and Clare Brutton	15 mins	Item 4		
	CSP Board and Structure Review	Katie Jones	10 mins	Item 5	Verbal	
	One Panel Review	Katie Jones	10 mins	Item 6	Papers to be circulated seperately	
	Domestic Abuse Improvement Programme Update	Angela D'Urso	10 mins	Item 7		
	RESTRICTED: Serious Violence Duty Needs Assessment	Daniel James	60 mins	Item 8		
	RESTRICTED: Domestic Homicide Review and Rapid Review	Katie Jones	10 mins	Item 9		
	RESTRICTED: Prevent Update	Simon Cornwall	10 mins	Item 10		
	Forward Plan	Chair	5 mins	Item 11		
	AOB Performance Report Subgroup Updates a- Substance Misuse Operational subgroup b - Contextual Safeguarding & Exploitation and YOS Board c - Hate Crime, Intolerance and Extremism d - Violence Against Women and Girls e - ASB Tasking Group f - Safer Neighbourhood Board Update g - Safeguarding Boards (LSCB/SAB Updates)	Chair Subgroup Leads	5 mins	Item 12	Daniel James a - Amolak Tatter and Clare Brutton b- April Bald/Angie Fuller c- Daniel Bacon d- Angela D'Urso/Daniel Thompson e - Julia Kanji f - Steve Thompson g - Joanne Kitching/Jemma Breslin NO UPDATE FOR REDUCING REOFFENDING BOARD	
Wednesday 27 March 2024	Introductions and Apologies	Chair	2 mins	Item 1		
	Declaration of Interest	Chair	2 mins	Item 2		
	Minutes and Actions from previous meeting	Chair	5 mins	Item 3		
	Community Safety Partnership Plan annual review	Katie Jones and Jade Hodgson	15 mins	Item 4		
	Serious Violence Duty Update	Katie Jones and Jade Hodgson	10 mins	Item 5		
	Community Payback Update	Mathew Chaplin	15 mins	Item 6		
	Partnership delivery to VRU Serious Violence Plan	All Partners	15 mins	Item 7		
	Drugs and Alcohol Services Tender	Amolak Tatter and Clare Brutton	15 mins	Item 8		
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Wednesday 26 June 2024	Introductions and Apologies	Chair	2 mins	Item 1		
	Declaration of Interest	Chair	2 mins	Item 2		
	Minutes and Actions from previous meeting	Chair	5 mins	Item 3		
	CCTV Update	Arfan Naseem	15 mins	Item 4		
	Serious Violence Duty Update	Katie Jones	10 mins	Item 4		
	London Fire Brigade Projects	Narinder Dail	15 mins	Item 5		
	Domestic Abuse Improvement Programme Update	Angela D'Urso	10 mins	Item 6		
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	Wednesday 25 September 2024	Introductions and Apologies	Chair	2 mins	Item 1	
		Declaration of Interest	Chair	2 mins	Item 2	
Minutes and Actions from previous meeting		Chair	5 mins	Item 3		
Serious Violence Duty Update		Katie Jones	10 mins	Item 4		
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Wednesday 4 December 2024		Introductions and Apologies	Chair	2 mins	Item 1	
		Declaration of Interest	Chair	2 mins	Item 2	
		Minutes and Actions from previous meeting	Chair	5 mins	Item 3	
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COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

REPORT

Title: Contextual Safeguarding & Exploitation Subgroup Update

Date: Wednesday 06 December 2023

Author: April Bald

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1. Brief Update

- 1.1 The Contextual Safeguarding and exploitation sub-group is in place to ensure coordinated multi-agency responses to reduce experiences of significant harm such as child criminal & sexual exploitation and serious youth violence that tends to happen in contexts outside the family home i.e. within peer groups, schools settings, online and neighbourhoods. The Partnership now known as the Adolescent safeguarding and wellbeing strategic group were due to meet on 12 November but due to key members not being able to attend the meeting was cancelled . There are therefore no significant updates for the CSP Board at this time
- 1.2 MASE (Missing and sexual exploitation group) and CEG(Criminal exploitation group) have continued to meet on a monthly basis . These tactical and strategic meetings continue to be well attended by most partners. Senior police presence has recently improved and I have met with them to bring them up to speed on the purpose of the meetings. The meetings continue to be reliant on data and analysis being produced by social care and therefore remains limited and without a partner lens . The sporadic attendance by some and poor participation of some during the MS teams meetings at MASE has been challenged by me as Chair and the Children's Safeguarding partnership has been informed . Senior police, community safety and health leads have responded supportively . Consistent and purposeful education attendance still needs to be tackled
- 1.3 Positively we have just appointed our Exploitation lead , a role that will be separate from managing the operations . This role will support us in addressing outstanding areas of improvement as identified by Ofsted and our audit activity .

2. Key Challenge(s)

3. Emerging Trends

4. Support required from CSP Board

- 4.1 A fuller report will be provided for the next Board following our Adolescent safeguarding & well-being strategic group

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COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

REPORT

Title: Youth Justice Service Board Subgroup Update

Date: Wednesday 6 December 2023

Author: Angie Fuller, Head of Service, Adolescent and Youth Justice Service

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1. Brief Update

- 1.1 The Youth Justice Service Sub Group has met twice during the last quarter, Oct 9th and Nov 20th.
- 1.2 The October meeting focused on:-
 - Performance Update – First board report that takes into account the new Key Performance Indicators. Highlighted that the service is still showing a decrease in FTE's, reoffending rates and custody compared to the previous year although they have shown a small increase in the last quarter.
 - Health Focus – presentation to focus on the health needs of young people open to the youth justice service and the seconded health provision that is available for them. Some data shared but agreed that further work needed to refine the data and also ensure that the SOP was agreed and signed off so all clear about the expectations, in particular ensuring the partnership footprint on the file.
 - Update on Improvements against audit activity and dip sampling as well as preparations for future inspection. Improvement work is underway and progressing well and further re-audit scheduled for feedback before the end of the year. Restructure of the service still ongoing but also progressing well.

1.3 The November meeting focused on :-

- Presentation from Tiger Light regarding Child sexual abuse – the board were able to look at how this aligned with the youth justice service and any crossover of work between this and the wider adolescent and youth justice service.
- Further Update on Health – New SOP was presented to ensure all parties are clear about expectations and partnerships with regard to seconded staff and service offer. SOP has a formal launch with health and youth justice colleagues on Dec 5th. A full profile of children and their health needs will be presented at the next board in January.
- Focus on Education – Focus on how the youth justice service and education and post 16 services work together to ensure best outcomes for children open to the service. Joined up referral processes and pathways discussed as well as closer working and regular sharing of data across the services
- Closer look at children remanded to custody – focus on children that have been remanded in court but later received a community sentence. Board assured that the youth justice service are available in court and able to offer comprehensive bail packages to the court to avoid remands wherever possible and safe to do so. Feedback on reports from the court has been positive with reports being rated good or excellent by the courts.
- Update on Youth Justice Plan actions – Rag rated plan to assure the board regarding the progress of the delivery plan and a focus on any areas still red, seeking partnership support as needed.

2. Key Challenge(s)

- 2.1 There are now new key performance indicators for the service which have needed further work with regard to data collection and some changes to working practices to meet these indicators.
- 2.2 The Youth Justice Service has been working with partners to ensure that systems and processes within their own organisations are able to meet the requirements expected of them. Early audits have shown that there is further work needed to ensure that the partnership footprint is evident on the file and in the performance data.
- 2.3 Ongoing improvement/development work will continue to ensure that standards are raised and that audit outcomes are improved and the service is prepared for future inspection. This will be alongside the restructure which will also assist with the changes.

3. Emerging Trends

3.1 None in addition to the findings outlined in the previous section.

4. Support required from CSP Board

4.1 Continued focus as a board on the scheduled improvements and learning from previous inspections.

4.2 Partner agencies ensuring that the themes that are highlighted in inspection reports and board meetings are considered and good practice identified is replicated.

4.3 Partner agencies need to ensure that the work of seconded staff is evident within the youth justice recording system as part of the recommendations from the audit.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

REPORT

Subject: Substance Misuse Operational Board
Synthetic Opioids Drug Overdose and Deaths

Date: Wednesday 06 December 2023

Author: Amolak Tatter

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1. Purpose of Presenting the Report

- 1.1 The government drug strategy 2021, committed to preventing 100,000 drug and alcohol-related deaths by April 2025.
 - 1.2 Drug poisoning (particularly opioids) and drug misuse deaths are at a record high in England having almost doubled since 2012.
 - 1.3 Those who requiring drug and alcohol treatment are more likely to experience health inequalities, reduced access to specialist support, meaning that they have a higher mortality rate than the general population.
 - 1.4 Over the last few months there has been an increase in the number drug alert being circulated by OHID (Office for Health Improvement and Disparities)
 - 1.5 Each area has been asked to develop a Local Drug Information System (LDIS) Process which is intended to respond to immediate risk, to be a low-cost, low-maintenance and multidisciplinary system that uses existing local expertise and resources.
 - 1.6 In addition, to create a Professional Information Network (PIN) who can highlight issues to be considered and who have a role in sharing any information and/or alerts that the LDIS panel decide to issue. Information received will assist in monitoring situations across the borough, which will be shared with London OHID, who will be able to decide on whether further regional or national alerts may be necessary.
 - 1.7 The primary aim of a drug alert is to inform people who use drugs of an immediate risk, equally important aim of LDIS is to inform professionals
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2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 The Community Safety Partnership Board and wider partners need to be aware of the local and national mortality rates related to drug and alcohol misuse. CSP needs to consider barriers into treatment and possible solutions, which should be tailored to individual communities. This links to our work with culturally competent responses to DAAT.
- 2.2 Consideration needs to be given on how we can improve multi agency referral pathways. Commissioners will be talking to CSP members during January so we can strengthen the pathways into treatment. Linked to this work is a 'revamped' multi disciplinary operational group (including new terms of reference) which will be brought to the CSP in February 2024, for consideration.
- 2.3 The partnership can be assured that there are robust processes in place for notification of deaths/non-fatal overdoses/near misses so that any learning and/or reviews can be disseminated (locally and nationally).

Information sharing procedure

- 2.4 Every service user who has died due to drugs an/or alcohol is reviewed. Learning is shared across the partnership, and disseminated to teams so that we are continuously improving and reviewing our practice.
- 2.5 Information sharing rules and restrictions are set out in the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) as brought into law and adapted by the Data Protection Act 2018 and by the common law duty of confidentiality. Any information sharing procedures and protocols need to consider and ensure compliance with these.

3. Local LDIS & PIN

- 3.1 The borough holds monthly Service Users Mortality (SUM) Case Conference meetings, chaired by the commissioning, which discusses the circumstances surrounding the death and identify immediate and contributory causes of death, and emerging patterns which may prevent future deaths and make recommendations.
- 3.2 It is important to emphasise that not all deaths are a direct resulted of drugs and/or alcohol; although, it may have been a factor which had an impacted on their long-term ill-health.
- 3.3 Through the SUM, we have been developed a Local Drug Information System (LDIS) and Professional Information Network (PIN) Process, see appendix one.
- 3.4 A task and finish group has been established to review LDIS/PIN to ensure we have robust process in place and partners.

4. Service users' mortality cases

- 4.1 Any drug or alcohol related death is a tragedy. When the service is aware of a death, they will complete a 24/72 Initial Alert form to notify the commission team of the death with brief outline of the circumstances if known. This will be followed by completing a more comprehensive SUM 10-day Report.
- 4.2 During the period April 2022/23, there were 11 deaths, of which five were not known to DAAT services.
- 4.3 The list below highlights the various courses of death:
 - 1 x Pneumonia and TB
 - 1 x Sepsis
 - 2 x Cancer
 - 1 x Stroke
 - 1 x Hydroxybutyrate toxicity
 - **1 x Sudden unexplained alcohol death (was not on caseload)**
 - **1 x Methadone toxicity (was not on caseload)**
 - **1 x Heroin and bronchopneumonia (was not on caseload)**
 - **1 x Empyema and morphine (was not on caseload)**
 - **1 x Respiratory depression and opiate (not known to CGL)**

During the period from January 2023, to September 2023, there have been eight deaths.

- 1 x COPD
- 1 x Terminal aspiration
- 1 x Methadone intake and Bronchopneumonia
- 2 x Cause of death not yet confirmed.
- 1 x Pneumonia and heroin intake (was not on caseload)
- 1 x heart disease (was not on caseload)
- 1 x Bronchopneumonia and morphine intake (was not on caseload)

5. Impact of Reduced Afghan Opium Paper

- 5.1 Jody Clark, Regional Drug Strategy and Commissioning Lead, drafted a paper regarding the impact of a reduced Afghan opium harvest, June 2023, see appendix two.
- 5.2 The paper outlines that the Taliban have banned the growing of opium poppies in Afghanistan, it is estimated that with this year's yield has been reduced by 80%; especially as the 95% of European heroin supply comes from Afghanistan.
- 5.3 This has resulted in heroin wholesale price increasing and will also have an impact on the purity levels as dealers will find alternative way such as "cut" add other drugs or non-intoxicating substances to the drug so they can sell more of it at a lesser expense to themselves.
- 5.4 Heroin can be cut with any number of substances. Usually, a white powdery substance is used to cut heroin, such as sugar, powdered milk, laundry detergent, baby powder or baking soda. Some of these substances are fairly inert, and simply weaken the concentration of heroin, but some of them are dangerous when snorted or injected into the body.
- 5.5 Heroin can sometimes be cut with a substance that can hide the symptoms of an overdose, but this does not lessen the chance of an overdose situation. Caffeine, for example, may mask heroin overdose symptoms.
- 5.6 Although some may welcome the fact that heroin supply has been reduced, this will cause a real risk to people who use heroin, and professionals would need to take mitigating steps to prevent unnecessary deaths and to save lives.
- 5.7 The importance to ensure that we have a robust LDIS system in place to ensure communicate and provide harm reduction information.

6. List of Appendices: Appendix 1:

Barking and Dagenham, Local Drug Information System (LDIS) Process and Professional Information Network (PIN)



LDIS PIN Document
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Appendix 2:

Impact of Reduced Afghan Opium Paper



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COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

REPORT

Subject: Updates from the Safeguarding Children's Partnership (SCP) and the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB).

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1. Brief Update

- 1.1 The four partnerships and boards work closely to share information and strengthen priorities across Adults, Children, Community Safety and Health and Wellbeing partnerships.
- 1.2 The table below provides a brief outline of the key items of business discussed at the last Safeguarding Children Partnership (SCP) Delivery Group and the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB).

SCP Delivery Group date:	Key issues
Primary School Safety Summit (Erik Stien)	This has already been presented to the CSP. The purpose of the primary safety summit is to review the perception of safety across different domains, community, school, peer and online. We've had three secondary aged safety summits previously which have provided valuable insights in terms of lived experience of young people, the primary safety summit talked to year five, year six is 10/11-year-olds.
LGA Peer Review of Partnership arrangements.	The LGA came to Barking and Dagenham 6-9 June 23 inclusive. A multi-agency team peer reviewed the Barking and Dagenham SCP arrangements and its effectiveness. The SCP executive had agreed some key lines of enquiry before they arrived. 6 key recommendations were made. An SCP executive development day was undertaken on the 16 October with an action plan (in response to the recommendations) produced and due to be discussed at SCP on 27 November 2023.
National Referral Mechanism Overview Presentation	<p>An overview of the NRM decision making pilot was presented. The BD Pilot has been running for approx. 2 years.</p> <p>NRM was introduced in 2019 and it's the process used to record and support victims of trafficking and modern slavery in the UK. Since the NRM was designed, the profiles have changed a lot. Nationally, the referral profile has changed, and internally trafficked children make up over 40% of referrals received into the NRM. The NRM does not replace any existing safeguarding practices, but it is to enhance and support our existing safeguarding responses.</p> <p>Professionals have a statutory duty to refer to the NRM and it's a starting point for a police investigation into serious criminal offence and identifies the child as a victim of crime. The pilot began in July 2021 and was BD are one of 20, the NRM pilot is funded by the Home Office and the objective was to see if we could make quicker decisions than outside the pilot. We set up and trained our own multi agency decision making panel consisting of members from health, social care, education and police as our core members. Data, challenges, successes, case studies were presented and discussed.</p>
Safeguarding Adults Board – 18th October 2023	Key agenda items

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Right Care, Right Person	The Police gave a presentation outlining the METs new model Right Care, Right Person (RCRP) that was implemented on 1 st November. RCRP is an operational model that provides guidance on the way the MPS responds to health related calls. RCRP is aimed at making sure the right agency deals with health related calls, instead of the police being the default first responder, where there is a concern about a person's physical or mental health.
CQC Inspection Update	An update was given on the Social Care CQC inspection preparation. Feedback from pilot boroughs is that there is a strong emphasis on practice and less on the strategic partnership. Partnerships might be picked up in integrated care system. In terms of case file practice evaluations they will want to see how we incorporate the voice of the adult in service planning across the partnership including asking the adult to comment on how safeguarding processes felt to them.
SAB Strategic Plan and Priorities	The draft SAB Strategic Plan was presented and partners were asked for feedback. It was suggested that the Right Care, Right Person model is included in the 'effective partnership working' priority as this will have an impact on service users across the partnership. It was also suggested that the priority around the 'hearing the voice of the community' be moved to the top of the list. We should also check how the priorities from the CQC Inspection Self Assessment Framework (SEF) are linked with the SAB Strategic Plan.
SAB Annual Report 2022-23	The final draft of the SAB Annual Report was presented. The report was presented to the H&WBB on the 7 th November and the Assembly on the 22 nd November.
The Performance & Quality Assurance Committee	The quarter 1 data and multi agency safeguarding audit pilot report was presented. The pilot audit process was based around the audit of one safeguarding case that had involvement from Social Care, the Police, BHRUT and NELFT. The partnership engagement around this piece of work was excellent and there was input, useful discussion and reflection around the case, the risks and the learning. The themes discussed and identified included Making Safeguarding Personal, use of appropriate/correct language, discrimination, mental capacity and communication across partners. The group rated the practice in the case as 'good' however the risk remains as this is due to the service user having the mental capacity and right to choose where she lives.
Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Committee Report	An update was given on the current SAR 'George' that is being undertaken. The second draft report is due soon and will be discussed at the next SAR Panel meeting in November. Two more cases have been put forward for discussion against the SAR criteria at the next Committee meeting as well as a NELFT Serious Incident report for discussion.
Safeguarding Adults Complex Cases Group Report	The group are currently supporting practitioners on the case of an older male who is hoarding in his home. The risks are being managed across social care, mental health and supported living. The Terms of Reference and referral form are being reviewed by the group.

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