

# THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Wednesday, 6 December 2023  
10.00-13.00pm

**Present:** Amolak Tatter, Angela D’Urso, Angie Fuller, Councillor Ghani, Daniel James, Gary Jones, Katie Jones, Isabelle Kennedy, Matthew Cole, Nathan Singleton, Stuart Bell (CHAIR), Sarah Robertson, Narinder Dail, Qais Ghafar, David Rhodes.

**Additional Attendees:** James Northbury, Jemma Breslin, Julia Kanji, Stephen Hynes, Oliver Marshall-Camm, Carol Weeden.

**Apologies:** April Bald, Jenni Coombes, Clare Brutton, Simon Cornwall, Fiona Taylor, Councillor Worby, Councillor Kangethe, Steve Calder and Zahid Iqbal.

**Minutes:** Jade Cavalli

## 1. INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Stuart Bell, Community Safety Partnership chair opened the December meeting and introductions and apologies were noted.

The chair informed the board that a representative from HMICFRS (His Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services) is in attendance to observe to allow evidence gathering for the PEEL review that is due to be undertaken in March 2024.

**ACTION: Jade Cavalli to chase outstanding ISA signatures.**

## 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest to note.

## 3. MINUTES

The September CSP board minutes were reviewed, and the following actions were requested.

**ACTION: Isabelle Kennedy to be noted on the attendee’s list - CLOSED**

**ACTION: Angela D’Urso to amend September minutes on DAIP to reflect correct update – CLOSED**

The following updates were noted as outstanding.

1. Update on ASB MARAC
2. CCTV Update

Gary Jones noted the ASB MARAC led by Karen Bryan is functioning well and MPS attend. The chair requested headline updates on ASB Community MARAC at the March 2024 CSP.

**ACTION: Jade Cavalli to add headline updates on ASB Community MARAC to March CSP - CLOSED**

**ACTION: Jade Cavalli to share September CSP report on ASB Community MARAC with chair - CLOSED**

**ACTION: Board members to agree what updates are required for the CCTV update report.**

#### **4. DRUGS AND ALCOHOL SERVICES TENDER**

Method statements have been received in relation to the Drugs and Alcohol Services retender which are under review. The team aim to agree preferred providers by the end of December and announce those in early January. There will be a 10-day standing period to raise any challenges, aiming to officially announce preferred providers in January 2024.

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.

In total they council received 4 tenders for the young people's service and 5 tenders for the adult service, 2 providers applied for both. Out of those tenders, 2 providers are from the care system and the others are already delivering services across other sectors.

**ACTION: Jade Cavalli to add Drugs and Alcohol Services Tender update to March CSP Board - CLOSED**

#### **5. CSP BOARD AND STRUCTURE REVIEW**

A review of the CSP will be undertaken. The purpose of the review is to look at the roles and responsibilities of the board to try and work as effectively and efficiently as possible to avoid meeting duplication. The review will focus on

1. Reviewing the membership and governance so the CSP reflects a core statutory executive membership with set subgroups. Improving attendance is key, the CSP may need to introduce mini agreements told hold partners to account for attendance with a suitable deputy identified.
2. Review the structure of the board and its subgroup including reviewing information flow up and down. This review will feed into the council's restructure of the CSP and wider teams.
3. Whether the board should remain a public forum or become a solely restricted, this would reduce the level of administration but also improve accountability and decision making.
4. Use the learning from the Safeguarding Childrens Partnership (SCP) to inform the CSP review.
5. Explore a working group may support the planning and development of the new structures and increased partnership working with the BCU. One Panel is an area that highlights how effective working can be achieved across boroughs.

Stuart Bell agreed on the importance of the review and the need for a clear process of how we should do business up and down the partnership structure with clear objectives and better communication. The chair advised to look at other boroughs who have undertaken similar reviews for best practice.

Angela D'Urso noted the review needs to link in with other statutory structures to provide more efficient ways of reporting. The LGA peer review from the SCP can help frame the CSP review.

The chair requested the boards commitment to support the review and noted the final decision should be partnership led. A task and finish group can look at the current structure and responsibilities then develop a proposal as to how we move forward including learning from best practice.

**ACTION: Jade Cavalli to add update from Katie Jones on forward plan for March CSP to outline current structure, subgroups, how to we hold them to account, useful investment of time going into each group, is it effective along with a proposal for change - CLOSED**

**Action: Katie Jones to link in with David Rhodes chief inspector for the CSP review.**

## **6. ONE PANEL**

In June 2023 the Safeguarding Childrens Partnership (SCP) invited the LGA to undertake peer review, looking at effectiveness of the partnership and its arrangements. One of the initial findings was around the structure, subgroups, and effectiveness. The SCP Executive Group reviewed the recommendations to agree how each can be taken forward.

The SCP are discussing with partners the learning of One Panel that has been adopted on neighbouring boroughs. Both the SCP and Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) hold reviews like DHRs which are a big expense and undertaking of work, and in most cases have a cross over between boards. The One Panel would seek to join CSP, SCP and SAB into a think family approach, with expertise around the table to review and determine where the information should feed into and if what reviews should be conducted. One Panel would have shared responsibility across the business managers who would triage referrals providing clear pathways. The panel would meet monthly when there are cases to review, the frequency of the meetings can be reviewed if there are no cases.

A suggested membership has been provided in the draft ToR, senior membership which has been agreed through the SCP. The One Panel is being presented to the SAB in January, if approved the first One Panel meeting will be arranged for early February with Elaine Allegretti chairing the initial meetings.

Angela D'Urso highlighted the opportunity this provides to the CSP around DHR and rapid review process, at present we don't have a place in partnership for dissemination of learning and practice. The One Panel would hold that responsibility to ensure this connects into the right partnerships, the multi statutory partnership ways of working supports the aim for the CSP structure review.

The chair and board members agreed to support the implementation of One Panel.

**ACTION: Jade Cavalli to add One Panel update to March CSP led by Jemma Breslin - CLOSED**

## **7. DOMESTIC ABUSE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME UPDATE**

The VAWGSG will meet at the end of the quarter to fully programme manage to DAIP, therefore a verbal update was provided to the CSP. The following was noted.

- 16 days of activism has delivered a series of successful events.
- VAWGSG are working on new funding stream to create a SISTAS expert, which

aims to support families in a more targeted way to achieve better outcomes for children and families. The role will sit with those working with young people subject to protection plans and experience serious DA. A project team are meeting weekly to implement, reviewing measuring tools and making required changes to systems.

- As a result of Support2safety there has been on average 2 cases referred into MARAC, due to having a better grip on the risk management.
- Rolling out of Safe and Together and DARAC across the childrens workforce. Training sessions have been positive and looking at how we see the changes in practice.
- Positive uptake of the DA multi-agency learning programme.
- 9 DA Champions have been trained in tranche 1, tranche 2 is scheduled for May 2024. There is a call for nominations across the partnership. The training also incorporates community champions.
- AVA Programme workshops looking at homelessness and housing services, a workshop was undertaken, and shared priorities identified. This supports co-designing of interventions and providers opportunities for commissioning.

Stuart Bell highlighted the new VAWG action plan is being launched in December. This will look at business, delivery of the action plan core commitments, and how the governance on VAWG is considered in CSPs. A quarterly VAWG governance panel is being implemented and the MPS will need support from the 3 CSP in the BCU. CSPs will be consulted on how the panel will be set up. This work will need to feed into the CSP review. Angela noted the BCU has a close tri-borough working on VAWG which will provide a solid platform.

**ACTION: Angela D’Urso to share presentation on Support2Saftey with CSP Members.**

## **8. DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEW AND PROPOSED RAPID REVIEW**

SS – Due to the limited of disclosed DA to health services and MARAC the information collated doesn’t suggest we need to commission a full DHR at this stage. The information is unclear whether this would require a DHR or SAR and although the suicide had links to DA there are no apparent links to this resulting in her death. CSP propose to take this as a first rapid review case under the one panel to ensure there is learning and the panel will determine if an additional review is required.

Katie Jones highlighted the important of receiving thorough information when requested to support identifying if the criteria is met for a DHR. Angela D’Urso echoed this, rapid reviews help identify learning on a quicker timescale along with supporting cost reduction. The Council have historically paid for DHRs although they are a partnership responsibility.

Stephen Hynes sits on the Redbridge One Panel and noted the similar experiences with receiving quality information. Health is exploring a how they engage with GPs for statutory SARs and DHRs.

The Chair advised all are accountable in providing information towards a review and requested for representatives to let seniors within their organisations aware of the issues on information sharing.

The board agreed for this to be a rapid review under the One Panel structure. There is an independent chair identified who is the chair of the SAB. The rapid review would not replace DHRs if we felt the criteria was met and a rapid review can still agree a full DHR is required.

Katie Jones informed the board that LBBB were notified late of a murder in Newham, where the victim was a resident of the borough. LBBB were provided with basic information on the victim and perpetrator however as the case has been to court, much of the information we would need for a DHR would have been provided within the case to CPS.

CA – Following the last CSP there have been no significant developments, the DHR chair has provided an outline of what information is outstanding from panel members on the summary of events in particular gaps of information from mental health services. The CSP are supporting with chasing outstanding information. This DHR has been ongoing for over 1 year and we still do not have an action plan and learning. This highlights the importance of the One Panel Rapid Review process.

## **9. PREVENT UPDATE**

Report shared with the CSP to note.

## **10. SERIOUS VIOLENCE DUTY ASSESSMENT**

The Serious Violence Duty (SVD) needs assessment has been completed, this assessment will be used to inform the development of a local strategy and action plan. The strategy for each local government area must be published by the 31 January 2024.

The purpose of the duty is to identify the extent of serious violence, potential causes, and drivers, highlight those most at risk, hotspot's locations, and gaps. The 8 main themes are.

1. Place and population
2. Risk and protective factors
3. Violence profile – Violence and exploitation affecting young people under 25.
4. Violence profile – Domestic abuse
5. Violence profile – Sexual violence
6. Community voice
7. Review of existing evidence
8. Mapping current provision

The board discussed the assessment and following was highlighted.

- An overview of knife crime was added as an appendix, as this was produced in addition to what was required within the guidance.
- In LBBB the most knife crime offences are made up from personal robbery at 52%, second are threats to kill which has been consistent over the last 2 years. In 58% the knife is being used to threaten, 25% there is injury by knife and 15% flag DA.
- Males are overrepresented as victims of knife crime offences, between ages of 1-24 years. Males are overrepresented as suspects of knife crime in ages 1–24-year-

olds, 1–17-year-old make up the most suspects. Black ethnicity is disproportionately overrepresented for knife crime offences.

- Knife crime hotspots match up with personal robbery hotspots, lower times are June and August and peak times 3-9pm with an increase on Fridays. Locations hotspots are Northbury, Abbey Goresbrook at ward level. Becontree Station is highlighting as a hotspot.
- LBBD are high for robbery of personal property and sexual offences.
- Overall, 48% involve victim or perpetrator under at 25 years (at time of reporting to police).
- The estimated economic cost for recorded violence for 12 months to March 2023 for the selected violence and exploitation offences for under 25 years was £34.6 million rising to £103.1 million when crime under reporting is accounted for.
- 12-month data to May 2023 - 46% victim didn't sustain an injury
- In the 12 months to May 2023 victims aged 1-17 make up the most victims (23%). That age group is in line with the borough make up of 1–17-year-olds.
- Recommendation to improve with MPS reporting of victims with a disability.
- Males overrepresented in all violence types.
- FTE into CJS – 10-17 years who receive caution or conviction was 1427 of those, 77 had a police investigation as there was a named individual to proceed.
- Seasonality, months 12 months to May 2023, clear peaks in after school hours, 46% offences taken place between 3-9pm.
- Key locations look similar to knife crime, BTC hotspot, Dagenham Heathway, Mayesbrook park and Becontree station.
- Violence with injury shows a clear pattern emerging with after school hours 3-6pm, Monday to Friday. Key locations are BTC, Heathway extended to Becontree Station and Becontree Heath.

#### Main recommendations

- Prioritise personal robbery offences due to high impact and cost linked to knife crime.
- Next assessment to look at ETE.
- Better recording for perpetrator or victim disability.
- Targeting resources in high hotspot areas.
- Look at schools of where victims and perpetrators attend to conduct targeted work.
- Emergency departments and safe stats to look at out of borough emergency departments.
- Police gangs' profile was being updated by police so not available at the time for the assessment being developed.

ICB are looking at data to analyse violence and injury data which can be shared with the CSP.

**ACTION: Stephen Hynes to share the ICB analysis to the CSP once available.**

The board need to be updated on the governance for taking forward the assessment into developing the strategy. The chair advised to connect in with Redbridge who are taking a high-level approach to meet the deadline.

Gary Jones and Katie Jones advised that work is already underway to deal with the findings of the assessment, looking at funding, services, and following a positive meeting with Lib Peck there is now funding opportunities to evaluate those services.

**ACTION: Gary Jones to speak with John Richards on their plans for the high level SVD Strategy.**

**ACTION: Draft strategy shared in early January for members to review and input ahead of submission.**

**ACTION: Strategy to be presented to the CSP board in March 2024. Discussion on how this is delivered in line with the CSP review and structure.**

For more information on the data please refer to the Serious Violence Needs Assessment and appendix.

## **11. FORWARD PLAN**

The board reviewed the CSP forward plan and agreed the items for the next CSP following the additional requests from this board.

## **12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Subgroup update reports were provided within the agenda pack. The VAWGSG have not met so not update could be provided at the time of the meeting.

**ACTION: Jade Cavalli to update CSP Forward Plan with the VAWG strategy replacing the DIAP update for March 2024 - CLOSED**

The board were advised meeting dates for 2024 will need to change for the MPS Chair to attend.

**ACTION: Jade Cavalli to share new proposed CSP Board dates for 2024 with chairs - CLOSED**

**ACTION: Jade Cavalli to update calendar invites for the 2024 CSP boards once dates agreed.**

## **13. SUBGROUP UPDATE REPORTS**

No further updates provided.

### **(i) SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD UPDATE**

No further updates provided.

## **14. SAFEGUARDING BOARDS UPDATE REPORT**

No further updates provided.

## **15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Community Safety Partnership Board

Wednesday 03 April 2023, 10:00am-13:00pm  
Committee Room 2  
Chair: Councillor Ghani