

THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Wednesday, 31 March 2021
(10.00-13.00)

Members Present: Andy Opie, Angie Fuller, April Bald, Brian Parrott, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Mullane, Councillor Worby, Hazel North-Stephens, Ioannis Mathioudakis, Jade Hodgson (NOTE TAKER), Jennie Coombes, Jonathan Woodhams, Laurence Piemonte, Mark Long, Nathan Singleton, Sonia Drozd, Stephen Clayman (CHAIR) and Stephen Thompson.

Additional Attendees: Chris Lyons, Florence Henry, Ifthahar Ahmed, Phillippa Bannister, Sophie Hardcastle and Thomas Llewyn- Jones

Apologies: Antony Rose, Daniel James, Fiona Taylor, Helen Davie, Kevin Makambe, Kit Weller, Lucy Satchell-Day, Narinder Dail, Matthew Cole, Melody Williams, and Pip Salvador-Jones.

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Stephen Clayman, CSP chair opened the March Community Safety Partnership (CSP) board and apologies were noted.

ACTION: All outstanding signatures on the new Information Sharing Agreement are required, partners who are still required to review and return the ISA are Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC), Mayors Office for Policing and Crime, National Probation Service (NPS) and North East London Foundation Trust (NELFT)

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest to note.

3. MINUTES AND ACTION LOG

The minutes from December's CSP board were reviewed and confirmed as correct. All actions were closed, with the exception of the reunification of NPS and CRC which is scheduled for June board.

4. STREET SPACE PILOT

Street Space were commissioned to deliver a pilot to explore perceptions of safety at Barking Station. The pilot was designed to work and listen to residents, business and those who use the station to better understand residents' perceptions and co-create an activation to improve perceptions of safety. The pilot followed the process of discover, co-design, test and reflect and through the survey and workshops Street Space identified.

- 86% felt unsafe outside barking station, the four reasons for feeling unsafe were, other people, the area felt run down, the space is dark and high speed traffic.
- Residents found it hard to relate with other people leading to a disconnected with other people and moved through the station quickly adding to the space feeling uncomfortable.
- The area is uncared for which makes it feel unseen and unregulated.
- Lack of care and maintenance impacted the levels of crime at the station.
- By asking how we can improve perceptions in a more helpful way outside of looking at enforcement and more policing it allowed residents to be involved in design and change.
- The pilot used inspired ideas gathered through workshops and surveys and filmed

noises from across the borough then worked in partnership with the council and C2C to implement the sound activation for 2 weeks.

- Upon review, 65% of residents who participated said they felt calmer and 70% felt the space was more cared for.

Recommendations:

1. Create opportunities for live music and performances to bring energy, entertainment and community feel to the space
2. Harness nature to create a sensory and relaxing atmosphere, explore partnering with local businesses around the station to add plants and colour.
3. Commissioning local artwork to humanise the space and reflect local communities.
4. Increase active bystander training through organisations like Arc Theatre for change. The pilot highlighted the importance of looking at how interactive intervention and council and partner activities can work together to improve perceptions and how interventions can they support council plans to making barking station a safer space for everyone.

Councillor Carpenter commended they work and queried if bystander training can link in and address issues of responding to low level sexual harassment. This was agreed to be explored. The board accepted the recommendations and agreed to explore how these can be taken forward.

5. DOMESTIC ABUSE COMMISSION UPDATE

The Domestic Abuse Commission chaired by Polly Neate brought together national experts to explore the attitude towards domestic abuse, the response and create a blueprint for other Local Authorities. The commission developed links with local communities and engaged with over 500 residents, professionals, and survivors. Survivors were at the heart of the commission and co-produced the report and its recommendations with survivor based outcomes and we believe you key message. The report and video of local survivors were launched at a virtual event in March 2021 and will be presented at Cabinet on 20th April 2021.

Councillor Worby urged partners to read the report, watch the survivor's video and share through organisations. By listening to their lived experiences, it highlights how systems have let survivors down and this commission will offer a stepped approach to change for all partners. Councillor Worby and Councillor Mullane wrote to Sophie Linden to discuss how training is delivered to support a system change which cannot be achieved locally. Domestic abuse matters training is being rolled out through the MPS from the summer and exploring a virtual reality pilot for a different sense and effective method of learning. The we believe you campaign will be launched with the aim to launch through all organisations to become the borough strapline on domestic abuse.

6. MARAC EFFECTIVENESS AND DEVELOPMENT

A review was undertaken to understand how effective the MARAC is by looking at data and working with survivors. There is appetite to look at a daily response to MARAC, but we need to understand effectiveness before big changes are made. The review has taken learning from the Domestic Abuse Commission and will also be overlaid with the quality assurance framework via safeguarding that looks at do we understand lived experiences, have lived experiences improved and what impact has been made. The VAWG CSP subgroup has not been in place so have brought together a MARAC steering group more operation to work as a partnership to support the MARAC. The governance agreed with see the steering group report into the CSP and both safeguarding boards. The report highlights the following.

- We understand lives experiences, this can be heard through via the survivor's

video

- Able to unpick data across all partners
- Looked at case studies around 17% of 2020 caseload, speaking to survivors, advocate feedback and feedback on difference MARAC have made.
- Lived experiences have improved slightly
 - Served well when there is not multiple disadvantage
 - MARAC is set up to be reactive to immediate risk but not set up for long term plan needs for survivors, this is included within the recommendations
 - Timelines have significantly improved, since COVID-19 MARAC has been held weekly
 - Although there is always a lot of domestic abuse, the referrals into MARAC are inconsistent across services this has changed since the weekly MARAC
 - Not getting early intervention pathways through and are seeing people through escalation process, this has been built into recommendations
- Impacts and difference we are making
 - Leadership perspective, governance in place to effective support MARAC
 - Need to tie into Tri-borough VAWG to improve strategic offer – Safe Lives offered to chair tri-borough subgroup.
 - Manager’s perspective has been positive and have improved escalation pathways and frontline believe the MARAC to be more connected and effective with multi-directional pathways.

The recommendations highlighted the need to build better performance framework to effectively report into 3 partnership boards and cabinet members portfolio holders. Put forward daily risk management meeting, which is focused on high risk MASH cases. Challenges getting the right seniority from MPS at the daily risk management panel. A big focus on training and aligning training with Safe and Together. There is a need to build in lived experiences and work more closely with the survivor’s voice panel alongside the MARAC. Adults that are missed for not meeting requirements of adult social care or mental health needs early help pathway for adults. Development of DATS and MATACs, IOM could be a better fit for holding a domestic abuse perpetrator panel as MARAC is more survivors focused. Suggested an annual MARAC report.

Nathan Singleton raised concerns that the VAWG strategic subgroup has not been meeting, it was advised that work has been undertaken virtually and positive relationships have been built to work effectively. Additionally, this has sparked the development of the tri-borough VAWG subgroup. Stephen Clayman queried how the CSP can support with the move of domestic abuse perpetrator panel into the IOM. This has not yet been developed but do have the support in place for referrals and the reMove abuse steering group.

Hazel North-Stephens provided feedback from a professional working with survivor that was a case via MARAC highlighting how positive the partnership working and response was to support.

The board accepted the recommendations.

ACTION: Jonathan Woodhams and Chris Lyons to connect Hazel North-Stephens into IOM to discuss management of perpetrator panel alongside IOM.

7. CONTEXTUAL SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD EXPLOITATION UPDATE

In 2018, LBBD were successful in a bid and are one of four boroughs to partner with the University of Bedfordshire on a 3 year pilot to embed a contextual safeguarding approach across the borough. Contextual safeguarding looks at extrafamilial contexts being risks

young people face outside of the family, looking at peer groups, schools, and neighbourhoods. This links to the previous item delivered by Street Space around perceptions of safety within public spaces.

The University of Bedfordshire coined the concept of contextual safeguarding and the pilot looks at what we need to change in our systems to embed the approach. The contextual safeguarding framework follows,

- Domain 1 Target: Prevent, identify, assess, and intervene,
- Domain 2 Legislative framework: Incorporate extra-familial contexts into frameworks,
- Domain 3 Partnerships: Develop partnerships who are responsible for nature of extra-familial contexts,
- Domain 4 Outcome measures: Monitor outcomes and change.

The three year pilot looks at create, test, and embed and will delivery three pilots

- Pilot 1: School safety summit mapping at safe and unsafe spaces, on analysis this pilot ragged domain 1 and 3 as green and 2 and 4 as amber. This highlighted strong partnership engagement and commitment to a safeguarding approach. The main learning needs to be focused on measuring outcomes.
- Pilot 2: Peer group assessment incorporating wider assessment of young people peer groups and wider issue that exist for young people. On analysis domain 1, 2 and 3 were marked as green and domain 4 as amber noting that impact was considered by not clear measure of change.
- Pilot 3: Contextual conferencing and how young people can manage risk (deep dive on topics of learning and interesting – presenting learning to other boroughs)

Preparation for pilot 3 is underway which will focus on contextual conferencing for those on CIN plans but where the risk is extra-familial. We will continue to embed learning from pilot 2 and complete peer assessment across the service and continue to deliver ongoing training and testing. Surveys with local business at Barking station are being complete to increase engagement and communities within the contextual safeguarding agenda.

8. RESETTLEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE COMING OUT OF SECURE ESTATES - A PARTNERSHIP RESPONSE

The HMIP thematic report on youth resettlement looked a lives and experiences of 50 young people who had been released from custody between October 2018- April 2019. The findings have shown that little positive progress has been made and highlighted the following

- In custody little partnership working took place to ensure suitable provision was available upon release,
- The focus was on filling time in custody rather than preparing for release,
- Planning did not happen from the outset
- In many cases young people did not have employment, education or training or suitable accommodation.

LBBB self-assessment within the National Standards for resettlement was inadequate as there was evidence of planning but was not always effective, no evidence of a robust process for holding others to account on transitions from custody to community and there was no board oversight for remand or custody children. LBBB completed our own review of the lives and experiences of 12 children within the same time frame. The findings of both the HMIP and LBBB reviews are.

- Criminal Justice: HMIP findings showed 10 had been convicted for further offences, ten breached and 6 had gone missing. LBBB found 6 had been convicted for a further offence, 1 breached and 1 missing.
- Accommodation: HMIP saw 30 return to live with families, 11 to local authority

accommodation and 7 into supported accommodation. LBBB found 5 returned to families, 4 into local authority accommodation, 2 in supported accommodation and 1 remanded

- Education and Training: HMIP found there was very little join up on release, few YOT education and training workers visited in custody and only education or training began immediately for 11 individuals. LBBB found 1 received a visit from an advisor, 9 were NEET, 2 employed and 1 alternative provision.
- Health Needs: HMIP noted over 60% had identified health needs but only 26% cases had evidence of support after release. LBBB identified 2 with physical health needs, 5 mental health issues, 2 SLCN and all were offered services.
- Substance Misuse: HMIP identified 75% had identified substance misuse, only 44% had support on release. LBBB found 8 with substance misuse, all used cannabis, 1 also used legal high and 1 used crack cocaine. All received support via YOS subwize worker.
- Social care: HMIP 27 needed input from children social care but only 6 had received adequate support. LBBB only 1 had not been previously involved with services, 7 LAC, 3 previously on CIN plan and 1 currently on CIN plan.
- Transition to probation: HMIP 10 became 18 years whilst in custody, and LBBB, 3 turned 18 prior to release and 4 turned 18 within 6 months of release. Probation staff in community advise none had been trained on transitions

Resettlement panel has been developed reporting into the YOS board to look at early planning ready for discharge and to monitor remand young people to support on court trials and potential bail packages. The panel are working through the backlog to ensure every young person has a suitable support package in place. Partnership engagement and seniority is key to support decision making. The YOS Board has the correct representation and support which has helped fund a dedicated education worker within the YOS. The board has introduced a young person to help inject the voice and lived experiences of young people and to help inform the direct travel.

ACTION: Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Mullane and Councillor Worby to convene a joint portfolio to look at data and improve outcomes around EET.

ACTION: Stephen Clayman to identify correct MPS representative for resettlement panel.

9. PSPO UPDATE

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) were introduced in 2014 as part of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to provide powers to address anti-social behaviour. In 2018, four orders were introduced in Barking Town Centre, Broad Street, Heathway, and a dog fouling order covering three parks within the borough.

The council have recently undertaken a consultation on Barking Town Centre and Broad Street PSPO's as the orders were due to expire in March 2021. The consultation consisted of resident's surveys, partner feedback and a review of local data which was collated into an evidence pack. A public meeting was hosted and chaired by Councillor Mullane for further resident consultation. The resident feedback from the consultation was positive with 83% in support of Barking Town Centre PSPO and 91% in support of Broad Street PSPO. Following consultation, it was agreed to implement the orders for a further 36 months which went live in Barking Town Centre and Broad Street on 19 March 2021. Additional signage is being installed and increased enforcement within the areas with over 20 patrols taken place in the last week resulting in fixed penalty notices and alcohol seizures. The orders prohibit the following behaviours.

- Any groups engaging in behaviour which causes residents and other users of the area nuisance, annoyance, harassment, alarm, or distress.
- Begging
- Consumption of alcohol in a public place

- Public urination
- Spitting

The next steps will be to start a consultation process for the Heathway and Dog Fouling PSPO. The board noted the support of the orders.

10. RESTRICTED: PARTNERSHIP DELIVERY TO VRU SERIOUS VIOLENCE PLAN

Monitoring meetings are in place to review delivery, MPS are keen to continue to facilitate tri-borough meetings to review work being delivered across the East BCU. The VRU provided positive feedback on the scope of the plan and the joint up working across the BCU which they are keen to use as best practice for other London Boroughs. The following updates were provided.

- Perpetrator programme: Home Office funding is in place until December 2021, programme has taken on evaluation partner, looking at how we can ensure police data is built into the programme. There are 100 places available, with 10 able to access support around accommodate, the programme is currently up to 58 referrals.
- Intel Capacity: The council have existing intel capacity in place however Community Safety are liaising with colleagues to see if we can put in more capacity to support requirements of the CSP. Some area identified are on deep dives and problem profiles. The next CSP board will focus on strategic assessment looking at broader crime on trends and analysis.
- Stop and Search Monitoring Group have not met over the last year due to restrictions therefore have the right level of oversight that would normally be in place. There are new rules on viewing of body worn cameras that need to be taken forward with MPS.

ACTION: MPS to continue to work with Stephen Thompson to move forward Stop and Search Monitoring Group.

RESTRICTED MPS Update on Operational Wordwell

Restricted due to sensitive information.

11. RESTRICTED: PREVENT UPDATE

Restricted due to sensitive information.

12. RESTRICTED: DVHR UPDATE

Restricted due to sensitive information.

13. FORWARD PLAN

The board agreed the Crime and Disorder Strategic Assessment and CLTP were to be the main agenda items for June CSP board. Members were asked to review the forward plan and confirm what can be postponed to September board.

14. AOB

Stephen Clayman questioned at what point the borough gets an early insight into the latest census data, although LBBB data insight is good, the outcome of the census will need to be considered. It was advised Mark Tyson is leading from a local authority perspective.

(i) PERFORMANCE REPORT

Crime data has shown a reduction around violent offences with the exception of domestic abuse which has a different trajectory.

(ii) CONTEXTUAL SAFEGUARDING AND YOS BOARD

LBBB have seen a rise in first time entrants (FTE), a significant level of work around FTE has been done including the development of a new subgroup. Work is underway with local faith groups to support the partnership in tackling serious youth violence. The tootoot pilot with 15 schools aims to increase reporting of cyber bullying, stress and mental health, domestic abuse, knife crime, hate crime and sexual abuse, aiming to roll out to all schools. We are seeing large increase of referrals where children and young people are being exploited online. The St Giles Trust BRAVE training being rolled out via Prevent could support this work. The group are exploring how to use the Parent Carer Champion network to look at work with parents to understand what young people are doing online. The Lost Hours phase 2 has been launched providing resource packs to parents and schools and a new initiative around safe spaces and safe havens in being rolled out. Key challenges identified are on online harm, increased demand on front door, 450% more referrals coming through from schools compared to this time last year 59% more assessments.

ACTION: Tom Llewellyn-Jones and April Bald to discuss St Giles Trust BRAVE training.

ACTION: Jade Hodgson to add First Time Entrants to future CSP Agenda

ACTION: Angie Fuller and April Bald to link with CSP Partners to collectively join up messaging around online safety and work with parents to understand the risk.

(iii) HATE, INTOLERANCE AND EXTREMISM SUB-GROUP

The last meeting took place on 30th March, there is ongoing work to ensure the correct processes are in place for reporting tensions from both schools and communities. The group are looking at learning from operational Wordwell are exploring the development of a model to set out how we can respond and mobilise quickly. Key focus going forward will be on the Port inquest and George Floyd trial.

(iv) REDUCING RE-OFFENDING SUB-GROUP

No written report submitted by chair of the Reducing Reoffending Board and chair not present to provide a verbal update.

(v) VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

No further updates to provide.

(vi) IVOLT

The subgroup continues to meet on a monthly and well attended nu partners. The group monitors data from LFB, repeat callers, licencing and also monitors the MOPAC priorities and trends. The group have been working with MPS on ASB early warning notices and reviews TTCG data to look at hotspots and how we can response as a partnership.

(vii) SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD UPDATE

Regular board meetings and 2 public meetings have been held. Some residents have found it hard to participate in online meetings, the SNB have raised concerns around how to redevelop and bring back the wider community engagement.

(viii) SAFEGUARDING BOARDS

The SAB have been focused on covid- related issues with the partnership including health, LFB and NPS. Priorities shared with CSP are domestic abuse, exploitation in all forms and areas of self-neglect. The board managers are connected and work well together as a group, it was noted for board chairs to participate in meetings to ensure the work is aligned and meets all boards different statutory responsibilities.

ACTION: Board chairs to join partnership board managers meeting to ensure the information flow and governance.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Community Safety Partnership Board
Wednesday 30 June 2021, 10:00am-13:00pm
MS Teams
Chair: Councillor Mullane