

**Communities Partnership Board  
6th December 2023 at 10.00am  
Hybrid – CC1 1B & Microsoft Teams**

**Board Members:**

Cllr Naheed Mather	Portfolio Holder of Environment, Kirklees Council
Jacqui Stansfield	Service Manager, Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board
James Griffiths	Kirklees District Commander, WYP (Chair)
Louise Fletcher	Head of Safeguarding Kirklees & Calderdale NHS ICB

**Also, in Attendance:**

Chris Walsh	Safer Kirklees Manager, Kirklees Council
Gill Skelton	Business Support, Kirklees Council
Jaqui Theaker	Data & Insight Enablement Lead, Kirklees Council
Katherine Bates	Strategic Partnerships Manager WYCA
Lee Hamilton	Safer Kirklees Manager, Kirklees Council
Sarah Mitchell	Head of Communities
Liam Kennedy	Partnerships Coordinator WYCA

**Apologies:**

Cath Simms	Service Director for Adult Social Care Operations
Cllr Anthony Smith	Liberal Democrat, Lindley, Councillor, and member of the PCC Panel
Cllr Gwen Lowe	Labour, Batley West Councillor, and member of the PCC Panel
Cllr Mark Thompson	Conservative, Birstall and Birkenshaw Councillor, and member of the PCC Panel
Cllr Susan Lee-Richards	Green Party, Newsome Councillor, and member of the PCC Panel
Jill Greenfield	Service Director CAS, Kirklees Council
Tom Brailsford	Strategic Director Children and Families, Kirklees Council
Mary Wishart	Locala
Dale Gardiner	WYFRS
Chris Rodgers-Thomas	Victim Support
Cllr Mussarat Pervaiz	Labour, Dewsbury West Councillor and Portfolio Holder of Communities

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**Item 1: Welcome & Introductions – James Griffiths**

- JGriff – Welcomed all to the Communities Partnership Board meeting and apologies were noted. Confidentiality declarations were requested, and none were declared.
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**Item 2: Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record

**Actions from previous meeting**

**JT to look further into the number of serious and fatal road traffic accidents in Kirkburton and Holme Valley South to identify if the accidents are occurring on the same stretch of roads in the 2 areas.**

*Complete - In Kirkburton there were 3 all within 2 weeks on the A629. Holme Valley south, a few around the town centre of Holmfirth in the same month, the rest were in the vicinity. Road Safety Group briefed accordingly.*

**GS to share the DPH Report presentation with the minutes of the meeting**

*Complete*

**LW to look into what wellbeing support is provided by Job Centres to people struggling financially and feedback to Cllr GL**

*Complete - Contact with Job Centres established – LW progressing.*

**LW to share an advice leaflet with the group that contains details of agencies who can provide support to people struggling financially.**

*Complete – Leaflets received and will be shared with Partners.*

**JGriff to provide an update on how to improve the timeliness of Police Decision making for young people who are under investigation for criminal matters.**

*Complete - 400 young people under investigation for offences so have introduced a new process so they are released on bail rather than under investigation this gives supervisory oversight for the investigations. Officers have to come to a Superintendent for an extension at 6-months.*

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**Item 3: Strategic Intelligence Assessment Refresh – Jaqui Theaker**

The SIA is the document which shapes and focuses the Partnership Plan priorities. We are still scoping the document at this stage.

JT - Went through a high-level theme summary of the document and asked for feedback.

**Questions and Comments**

**Serious Violence and Exploitation Theme overview**

LH – Asked the group if they felt the summary reflects the partnership.

J Griff – Said it shows the level of intelligence being shared between partners and being added to the PIP and that the messages in the SIA resonate with him.

CW – Suggested adding some information on perceptions as media reporting may make people feel that Huddersfield is not a safe place to be.

Cllr Mather – Suggested that we keep the public updated with the work we are doing to assist with public perceptions possibly via a monthly update on the Huddersfield Hub or possibly a Podcast presented by herself and JGriff. This could allow us to profile the good news with statistics and human stories. All agreed communication is something we need to think about as it will eliminate stigmas and help people feel proud about their area.

LF – The information in the document is valuable and shows the key areas where work is taking place and is well presented.

SM – Added that we are looking to add lived experience to the document to evidence the work that is being done to support communities to stay safe.

KB – Any events or mile stones please pass on invitations to the mayor's office to get them to come or they can put a press piece out about it.

All agreed the slide covers what is needed for the summary of Violence and Exploitation

**Neighbourhood Crime and ASB Theme overview**

CW – Slide breaks down the 2 themes and identifies what the theme groups need to be focussing on.

Cllr Mather – Can we make sure the victims are at the heart of our prevention strategies.

J Griff – We need to encourage people to report as the safeguarding of victims is central to the police's work. Theft of motor vehicles crimes are related to particular vehicles and organised criminals are targeting these vehicles and stealing them to order or to use in crime and the theme

group should look at this. Police also use the Digital Crime Performance Pack to compare and contrast forces, as part of this they compare data from the base year which is 2019 and it may be helpful to add the data to the graphs in the document from the base year of 2019.

There has been a 6% increase in robbery however our detection rate is 20% which is one of the best in the country and the other parts of West Yorkshire are below 10%.

Cllr Mather -We should share this information with the Deputy mayor. JGriff, she visits regularly, and we can do this.

### **Building Resilient and Inclusive Communities Theme overview**

Cllr Mather – In regard to Inclusive Communities it has to be demonstrated that all partners are willing, and communities have to be involved.

SM – We need a way of reaching out to communities to find out what they are feeling and listen so we can add this to the next SIA.

LH – Youth Endowment Fund delivered a presentation on evidence-based research into crime and violence and there were lots of points raised about after dark issues i.e. street lighting but the evidence doesn't show that making improvements in these areas actually increases safety.

### **Reducing Risk Theme Overview**

JGriff suggested that the graph's in this overview needs to go further back to 2019 as it currently reflects the situation as it was during Covid and gives the impression of a significant increase in road collisions. However, when compared to pre-Covid data it would show a truer reflection of the situation.

JT shared the place-based analysis which looks at the 4 areas of the borough and the key theme areas and crime types. Further work is to be completed on this prior to bringing back to the board and to scrutiny.

In March JT will bring the completed report back to the board and then it will go to Council Scrutiny.

### **Actions:**

**J Griff to send details of the DCPD to JT so that data from the base year of 2019 can be added to the SIA.**

**J Griff to send robbery detection rate figures to JT to add to the SIA.**

**JT to add the 2019 data to the graph for road collisions so it shows a truer reflection of the situation**

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### **Item 4: Violence Update – Lee Hamilton**

LH explained that the report shared with the papers cover 4 aspects the Serious Violence Duty, The Violence Hub, Funding and the draft VAWG pledge

### **Serious Violence Duty**

By the 31 January 2024 each partnership should have a strategy and a Needs Assessment and by March 2024 they should also have a Delivery Plan

In West Yorkshire the VRP have taken a lead role and provided a dedicated consultant (Nicola Hughes) and are developing the Local Area Needs Assessment which is due to be published in December. They are also updating the West Yorkshire response strategy. Combined Authority are going to publish all and then link to local authorities.

Already have a SV implementation plan and plans for the 6 priority areas and bring these together to have an overarching plan. We are therefore on track to meet the requirements of the duty.

KB – Kirklees are in a good place as have plans in place

### **Violence Hub**

This was established as part of the response to serious incidents and consists of key strategic partners and the VRP. Members meet once or twice a week and review incidents and intelligence regarding acts of violence in the past week as well as significant USG's and anything that has happened in the priority areas. The question at this stage is do we now need to turn it into a Hub. The group are therefore now exploring how it can be made more formal and structured. A weekly intelligence pack is going to be introduced and as the work crosses over with the bronze SOC meeting, we are looking at how this can feed into the Hub. Overall, it is a positive place for Clear, Hold, Build conversations.

JGriff - It could develop into a Clear Hold Build Hub rather than being reactive. The Hub has been invaluable in terms of intelligence sharing and Leeds are now wants to replicate it.

### **Funding**

Document shows the list of funding streams and details on the activity. Funding is often short term and has specific measures for use. The total spend is currently £500,000 and the coordination of this can be difficult, but we bring groups together and share good practice. VRP funding is due to end in 2025, so sustainably after this is a priority.

Cllr Mather – Very impressed by the diversity of the groups, and there is good work being done by a number of organisations.

### **VAWG Pledge.**

A number of Local Authorities have started to develop a pledge to highlight their response to VAWG. The draft pledge highlights the approach through 5 objectives and also asks what is the role of services and what are we asking them to commit to. The working group have signed off the pledge and have brought it to the Board for comment.

JGriff – Asked how we demonstrate the buy in from agencies and suggested that in 6 months we ask agencies to feedback to the Partnership Board what they have done to deliver the pledge.

LH – This may help the working groups as there is an action plan in place. In other areas they have gone to businesses.

JGriff - We could take it to the Partnership Executive Group as this has business representation and education providers, and they could also update us on their progress.

CW – In regard to the trust and confidence to report objective of the Pledge we need to make sure men understand they have a role in this in terms of calling it out when they see it, so confidence to report should include people who witness it as well as those who have experienced it.

Cllr Mather– We could take an annual look at an organisation that has pledged and ask staff what they can tell us has been done in relation to the pledge.

LF – Happy to give opinion on the VAWG pledge

### **Action:**

**CW to add the VAWG pledge to the agenda in 6 months so agencies can be asked what have they done in their organisations to deliver the pledge.**

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### **Item 5: Community Safety Partnership Update – Chris Walsh**

CW provided an update on key developments at National and Regional Level impacting on the CSP. This focussed on:

Community Safety Partnerships Review phase 1 & 2

Results from the “Your Views” Survey

Development of Police and Crime Plan Priorities

### **Phase 1 of the Review of Community Safety Partnerships**

CW – Paper provides results from the survey. The recommendations are centred around enhancing links between CSP's and Police and Crime Commissioner or mayor's office and extending the use of ASB tools and powers.

KB – Met with the Home Office and discussed the relationship with the PCC and there is no one set-up across the country they all vary, but we stressed that the autonomy of CSP's is important, and they are suggesting a lighter touch approach, and this will be discussed at the CSP forum in January so there is an opportunity there to discuss further.

### **Phase 2 of the review**

Focuses on the wider role of CSP's including funding oversight and accountability. There is a link in the papers, and you can provide feedback on this, and the cut-off date is the 18<sup>th</sup> of December.

There is also the offer of a visit from the Home Office so they can understand how CSP's work, and we can email if we would like this to go ahead

KB – We will be submitting a response to the survey and would encourage all to complete the survey and to take up the offer of a visit from the Home Office.

### **“Your Views” Survey**

Undertaken by WYCA on behalf of the mayor the results are included in the papers for the meeting. It shows a mixed picture in comparison to West Yorkshire, however, it is based on a relatively low response rate. OPCC's office are looking at ways to enhance the survey around representation.

KB - Gave opportunity to consult on our request for information asking organisations to take on the “Your Views” survey and will be bringing the result to CSP forum in January.

### **Police and Crime Plan / Police Precept consultation.**

This is a 2-part consultation the 1<sup>st</sup> part is about shaping priorities within the Police and Crime Plan and the 2<sup>nd</sup> is gathering opinions on increasing Council Tax to increase the Police Precept. The purpose is then to make sure the consultation is broad and inclusive, and the Combined Authority are seeking support with this.

KB – If have any community groups who may not respond to on-line facilities, we would like to engage with them and can come in person to attend focus group's etc or attending a pre-arranged event. The work is starting now and there will be a new Police and Crime Plan next year following the election.

SM – Asked KB who she is linking in with in Kirklees in regard to the engagement on the consultation.

KB – Provided the following details

The following are either confirmed or in the process of being organised:

- Ravensthorpe Community Centre: 05 December
- Dewsbury Town Hall: likely 12 December
- Huddersfield Town Hall: likely 15 December
- Batley Community Centre: tbc, likely a focus group not public meeting.

If anyone wishes to share details of any other groups or organisations, please contact [consultation@westyorks-ca.gov.uk](mailto:consultation@westyorks-ca.gov.uk).

### **Action:**

**All to complete the survey on phase 2 of the CSP Review**

**CW to arrange a visit from the Home Office in relation to the CSP review**

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### **Item 6: AOB - All**

LF – GCE is currently reviewing health's attendance at this and the supporting theme meetings

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### **Item 7: Date of the Next Meeting and Close of Meeting**

6 March 2024 (10am– 12:00Noon)

Civic Centre 3 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room