

**COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP BOARD**  
**25th July 2023 at 1.00pm**  
**Hybrid – CC3 Conference Room (North) & Microsoft Teams**

**Board Members:**

Chris Rodgers-Thomas	Victim Support
Cllr Carole Pattison (Chair)	Portfolio Holder of Learning Aspirations and Communities
Cllr Mohan Sokhal	Labour, Greenhead, Councillor
Cllr Naheed Mather	Portfolio Holder of Environment, Kirklees Council
Cllr Susan Lee-Richards	Green Party, Newsome, Councillor, and member of the PCC Panel
Jacqui Stansfield	Service Manager, Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board
James Griffiths	Kirklees District Commander, WYP
Jill Greenfield	Service Director CAS, Kirklees Council
Jo Richmond	Head of Communities, Kirklees Council
Joanne Atkin	Probation Service Kirklees
Val Johnson	Third Sector Leaders

**Also, in Attendance:**

Adelle Lynch	Health Improvement Practitioner, Kirklees Council
Gill Skelton	Business Support, Kirklees Council
Gwen Clyde-Evans	NHS WY, ICB
Jacqui Young	Business Support Manager, Kirklees Council
Joanne Todd	Safer Kirklees Team Manager, Kirklees Council
Neil Flenley	Research and Policy Team, WYCA

**Apologies:**

Amanda Evans	Service Director for Adult Social Care Operations
Chris Walsh	Safer Kirklees Manager, Kirklees Council
Cllr Anthony Smith	Liberal Democrat, Lindley, Councillor, and member of the PCC Panel
Cllr Mark Thompson	Conservative, Birstall and Birkenshaw, Councillor and member of the PCC Panel
Emily Parry-Harries	Head of Public Health Kirklees Council
Jacqueline Theaker	Data & Insight Enablement lead, Kirklees Council
Mary Wishart	Locals
Rebecca Gunn	Public Health Manager, Kirklees Council
Tom Brailsford	Strategic Director Children and Families, Kirklees Council
Louise Fletcher	Head of Nursing and Safeguarding K&C CCG's

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**Item 1: Welcome & Introductions - Councillor Pattison**

- Cllr Pattison – 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**

All actions from previous meetings were agreed as completed, and the minutes were agreed

The group discussed the forward plan for substantive items for future Board meetings.

Cllr P gave an overview of the suggested substantive items which include Asylum and Refugees, Anti-social behaviour and neighbourhood crime, Serious Violence, and Road Safety. Other suggestions were for the misuse of drugs and alcohol and its link to Domestic Violence and also reducing reoffending

**Action:**

**CW to produce a forward plan for substantive items for future Communities Partnership Board Meetings and share at the next meeting.**

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**Item 3: Communities Partnership Plan – Jo Richmond / Jo Todd****Partnership Plan KPI Update / Strategic Intelligence Assessment refresh 2024 timeline**

JR – Shared the highlights from the paper circulated prior to the meeting and advised that Jaqui Theaker now has a partnership group to formulate the data for the next refresh of the SIA.

Compared with the same quarter last year there has been a reduction in violence with injury and a reduction in assault and child protection. The Communities plan has a specific focus on addressing repeat victims of DA and Hate Crime and DA has reduced by 12% year on year and the arrest rate has gone up by 2%. Repeat Hate Crime this has reduced by 28% year on year. She added that we now have a hate crime and ASB panel that meet to discuss repeat issues.

Data suggests there has been an increase in nuisance ASB in particular motorbikes and youth related ASB particularly in relation to the use of water pellet guns. Also noted is nuisance parking and theft of motor vehicles.

Information about the development of the SIA refresh is also provided in the report and JR advised that the data dashboard is still being populated and that we will share it when we have it.

**Questions and Comments**

Cllr Mather – Queried the reduction of 49% in Child protection figures. JGriff – Explained that there have been a number of non-recent crimes recorded over the last 2 - 3 years. Reports are no longer coming in and enquiries are at a different stage therefore no more crimes are being recorded.

JG – We need to reflect on the particular areas where we have had reductions and increases to understand as a partnership where we strategically deploy are resources. Therefore, we need to triangulate some of the data to do this. We are aware that JT is still doing this, and this will give us continuity and an opportunity to learn from what we are doing that is working and what we need to be doing differently.

JGriff – Arrest rate for DA is increasing as this is being particularly focussed on. The overall reduction in violence is a result of combined efforts. In regard to ASB with nuisance bikes we have limited resources to deal with this there is also an increase in theft of motor vehicle figures as bikes are being stolen and these often then become nuisance bikes. It comes down to resources and over the last few years we haven't had a specific team for vehicle crime although some of it is organised crime so we are looking at how we can do this as this type of crime impacts on individuals and on communities.

JR – We are writing a bid for the SS5 funding and have made an application for more police time and equipment and mobile CCTV to help us deal with nuisance bikes. JGriff - Said this would be helpful if we succeed as this kind of work is very expensive to do. What we are trying to do is target certain areas and we are working out who is causing the problem and targeting the individuals and where appropriate get them doing something else like attending Team Kickstart.

JR – Have been speaking to YES and YJS and as part of the bid we want to widen the programme so we can offer places at Kickstart to people up to 25 years old, where they can be offered training around mechanics and responsibility.

**Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan – Immediate Justice**

JT – Gave an overview of the ASB Immediate Justice pilot.

ASB has a huge impact on quality of life and the government have put together an action plan based on 3 principles. These are rapid response, zero tolerance and strengthening tools and powers.

In terms of rapid response there is confusion locally and nationally on how and where to report ASB.

To address this there are plans for a digital reporting tool which will streamline and simplify the process. As part of rapid response there will be immediate justice which is being trialled in 10 areas with West Yorkshire being one of them. The drive is that the intervention to repair the harm should be delivered within 48 hours however we do not know if that means the person undertakes the work within 48 hours or that the decision is made within 48 hours of what they are going to be asked to do. This approach would be for adults and for 12–17-year-olds there would be a focus on restorative justice and positive distractions.

In addition, the laws around the possession of Nitrous Oxide are changing however it will still have to be proved that possession is for illicit usage.

In regard to nuisance begging the government are talking about a zero-tolerance approach.

Currently we use criminal behaviour orders, but we have to have a criminal conviction to be able to do this.

Finally, there are plans to streamline the process for evicting anti-social tenants. This will be challenging as we need a balanced approach safeguarding vulnerable perpetrators and supporting those effected.

JA – Immediate Justice will be delivered by the Probation Service unpaid work team, and they are recruiting specially for this. The mayor also has funds for minibuses. People will receive up to 20 hours immediate justice. What we do not know is what will happen if people do not do the work. There is a survey asking the public how they would like people to make amends. JT will share the link so it can be added to the minutes.

### **Questions and Comments**

JG – There is a lack of quality to the information we have. Some of the money has gone to probation and YJS and nothing is clear at this point.

NF – Julia Clough is coordinating this at the mayor's office. Do not know about figures for individual authorities but there is £1 Million for West Yorkshire as a whole. Julia is wanting to engage with people including residents. Would welcome the promotion of the survey. Only 600 responses received so far.

### **Action:**

**GS to share the survey link regarding Immediate Justice with the minutes**

*Complete*

[Anti-Social Behaviour \(ASB\) – Immediate Justice Pilot Survey \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)

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## **Item 4: Domestic Homicide Review Update – Gwen Clyde-Evans**

GCE – At the DHR Standing Panel we have spoken about the impact on communities of domestic homicides and services are engaging with the effected communities particularly in the Dalton area raising awareness around DA and having conversations about how we can engage with them and hear their voice. Also apparent is the impact it has had on the workforce so people living and working in the area where the recent homicides have taken place. There has also been national media coverage which has put a focus on Kirklees. We do also anticipate more media interest in October as sentencing in 2 of the cases will take place.

Another theme is the pressure on agencies as we have 7 ongoing cases within Kirklees. From these we are looking at the themes and trends one of these is support for carers as in one of the cases both had care and support needs and were supporting each other. Mental health is also a key theme. Following the changes to the Domestic Abuse Act we are also seeing non-fatal strangulation as a theme within DA and DHR's.

The main point which is highlighted in nearly all reviews is how we can improve multi-agency working and how we can improve our information sharing.

### **Questions and Comments**

Cllr Mather – Asked if there is a risk register that is shared with partners.

JR – There is a regulated process we have to go through with the DHR's so partner agencies have to do a chronology over a period of time where they look to see who has had contact with them, however it can take 2-3 years to get to the learning. DRAMM and MARAC meetings are held daily and fortnightly respectively so partners touch base regularly.

GCE – Seeing an increase nationally on all statutory reviews, the 3 within the last 6 months there have been no direct links other than they key themes which have been mentioned these are the same as we are seeing nationally.

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## Item 5: Kirklees Drugs Strategy – Adelle Lynch

Cllr P – The Board saw the paper last October and there were a few suggestions made to improve it these have now been incorporated. The strategy has been through SDG and is here for sign off today.

AL – Gave an overview of the amendments and additions made to the strategy. The main feedback they wanted to incorporate was more lived experience, and they have completed 2 surveys one for people with direct experience and one for carers of people who use substances, and also held a 2-hour workshop attended by 15 people in recovery. Also conducted interviews and case studies. From this it was found that mental health and reducing stigma and barriers to treatment were all issues that needed more emphasis, so a working group was established. Also added a commitment to medications as people feel they are not getting the right information on how it interacts with mental health and other medications. People also wanted a launch strategy to celebrate the publication of the strategy, so they are partnering up with CGL to put on a launch event in September.

Feedback received told them that people wanted more training for staff, so they understand addiction and recovery more and have more empathy, so they have partnered with CGL and are looking at training opportunities.

Overall that strategy is stronger than before and is aligned to the Health and Wellbeing strategy much more now. It has been to the Health and Care Partnership and the ICB to get feedback and today it is here to get sign off so it can be published in early autumn.

### Questions and Comments

Cllr Mather – Easy and accessible document and enjoyed the infographics.

JG – Need to look at how the impact of the strategy works across some of the other strategies across the partnership 12 months from now.

AL - Happy to come back and give a progress update. Included a section on the key strategies and how they overlap. Opportunity for this will be the Drug & Alcohol related deaths live monitoring system.

All approved the strategy and agreed to have it back for review in 12 months.

### Action:

**CW to add to the forward planner for meetings that the Drug and Alcohol strategy comes back to the Communities Partnership board for review in 12 months' time**

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## Item 6: Focus item – Violence Against Women and Girls – Jo Richmond

JR - Shared the Ted Talk video on VAWG this highlighted the role of men and boys in relation to the issue.

JR – Referred to the report that was circulated prior to the meeting. This looked at what girls and women have told us makes them feel unsafe. The CLiK survey also shows that people in deprived areas feel less safe after dark. She explained that the VAWG working group has looked at what services are being provided to help women and girls feel safer in the community and that they have found that there is funding for things such as lighting and victims service but there is a gap in the area of engaging men and boys and prevention. So whilst there has been lots of work done so far there has been little about prevention and behaviour change and this area is under resourced.

JGriff – Something in young men being given the tools to change behaviour from a police perspective it would be nice to be more proactive.

JG – There are things about us looking at the evidence base about what works in early education and how we respond to harmful sexual behaviours in young people and by looking at it from a trauma informed way we see other factors. The ask of everybody is how we use our sphere of influence in our organizations in terms of individual action and policies and approaches to build a culture change. We write many strategies, but do we consider VAWG and behaviour change when we do this. There are also opportunities for the board to hold other boards to account.

GCE – Explained that she has recently attended a DA summit where partners shared good practice and discussed what can be done for perpetrators as they often have unmet health needs and

traumatic back grounds. Could we be more creative in how we work with people rather than relying on police and probation.

NF – In regard to male behaviour change the mayor has commissioned a video that can be shared on social media, and it is going to be filmed in Leeds in the next 2 weeks this can be shared online and used with young men.

JR – We have a small grants fund about to open (UKSPF/WYCA) 179k over 2 years one of the cross-cutting themes is looking at behaviour change and working with men and boys.

A consideration of the VAWG Working Group is a pledge for organizations to sign up to and that people could commit to things such as a dignity at work policy or a considerate construction scheme. They are also looking at what other strategic boards can do to integrate this into their mainstream activity.

We have also asked for some money linking it to regional and national campaigns and bystander training. The Working group is looking at how we coordinate and how we target. As well as the pledge there is an action plan and a Comms campaign.

JGriff – We need to build confidence in the organization and the system and think about internal structures, so people feel confident to report. We should be recognising the pre cursors and identifying individuals who may be causing an issue and weeding them out. Confidence is a big factor in moving this forward.

JR – The wording of the pledge is still being drafted, but we are looing for organizations to pledge to something which is achievable within their organization. From this we could form the partnership action plan that Communities Board could hold. All agreed they would like the pledge to be drafted.

### **Actions**

**GS to circulate the link to the Ted Talk video that was shared in the meeting**

*Complete – Circulated after the meeting and below*

<https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?&q=violence+against+women+and+girls&mid=6B7BE1EB1ECDD833B3946B7BE1EB1ECDD833B394&&FORM=VRDGAR>

**JR – To inform the VAWG Working Group that Partnership board would like to see the development of a pledge and for them to begin drafting it.**

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### **Item 7: AOB - All**

All - Thanked JR for all the work she has done and wished her well in her new Role at Liverpool City Council.

JR - UKSPF funding opens this week, also have VRP going live shortly.

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### **Item 8: Date of the Next Meeting and Close of Meeting**

18 September 2023 (1pm – 3:00pm)

Huddersfield Town Hall