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Bi-annual report on Pendle Community Safety Partnership

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide an update on progress of the Pendle Community Safety Partnership and the new integrated Lancashire Victim Service.

**Background**

1. The Community Safety Partnership has met twice since the last report, in March and June 2017. We have continued to collaborate within the Pennine Lancashire Community Safety Steering Group. Colne Community Safety Area Working group has continued to address local community safety issues and to a lesser extent Area Committees have included local community issues in their agendas. Criminal justice representation at the meetings ( from National Probation Service , CRC ( Crime Reduction Companies who look after the 'lower risk' offenders ) and substance misuse providers has improved. We are reviewing our community representation and have agreed a process to encourage greater community sector participation in the partnership following the reduction in Area Working Groups whose Chairs represented their areas on the Partnership.

**Current Crime and Disorder Trends**

2. An overview of crime and disorder has shown a continued rise in all types of crime within the Borough and this reflects increases across Lancashire. A recent consultation event held by the Pennine Lancashire Partnership showed crime was going up across East Lancashire at a faster rate than Lancashire as a whole. There were 5400 more incidents reported to the police, MARAC (high level repeat domestic Violence cases) are at unprecedented levels and there was a statistically significant increase in violence which could not be attributed to improvements in recording practices. More analytical work has been requested to understand the causes driving these increases.
3. In Pendle year to date April to June 2017 compared with the same period last year showed that:

Crime	April – June 2017	April-June 2016	+/-	%
All Crime	1713	1367	+346	+25%
Burglary *	94	61	+33	+54%
Violence against person	243	191	+52	+27.2%
Vehicle Crime	150	108	+42	+38.9%

\*A new category of residential burglary has been introduced not absolutely comparable but enough to demonstrate the increase in this offence

It must be noted that this is only a 3 month period and crime levels can fluctuate but the trend is upwards .The position at the year to April gives a longer term trend but still shows crime on the increase year on year

Crime	April 2016 - March 2017	April 2015 - March 2016	+/-	%
All Crime	5791	5247	+544	+10.4%
Burglary *	336	303	+33	+10.9%
Violence against person	1496	1262	+234	+18.5%
Vehicle Crime	689	625	+64	+10.2%
ASB	4186	4200	-14	0%

On the Road Safety front across East Lancs there have been some improvements in the numbers Killed or Seriously Injured overall and those involving children – 8 and 9 year lows respectively. However of those involving children  $\frac{3}{4}$  s of them are pedestrians.

### **Positive actions:**

5. We have continued with our burglary reduction scheme albeit with limited funding
  - completed a review of Alley Gates in the Borough ahead of an application to include them in a new Public Space Protection Order. (The vast majority of those consulted wanted to keep their gates.)
  - Blackburn new CCTV hub now managing and monitoring cameras 24/7 in Nelson, Brierfield Barnoldswick and Earby. We are in the process of upgrading cameras in Nelson and Brierfield to digital and wireless and site visits have taken place and the work should commence shortly
  - Working with Positive Action in the Community to retain additional Domestic Violence Services for young people (Look Out - funded until 2020 National Lottery) and support for the HAPPI project dealing with young homeless. The Domestic Violence Forum continues to provide a partner focus on DV in the Borough and deliver the DV Action Plan

### **ASB – Community Protection and Victim Support**

6. We are currently carrying 30 ASBRAC cases with action plans with each case spending 3.7 months on the list. Transforming Lives, which targets high demand individuals very often with complex needs affecting a range of agencies, is becoming increasingly important and these

cases are dealt with after the ASBRAC discussions. We are dependent upon good levels of engagement from our partners to resolve these issues. Future developments could include co-located teams which are being developed in other parts of East Lancashire.

7. The number of times we use the new ASB powers are increasing – very often the threat of a Community Protection Notice is enough to affect a change in the anti-social activity. Up to June 2017 we had used CPN legislation 209 times -29 cases were resolved after a warning, 84 before a warning letter with 58 under investigation. The workload is significant and is increasing. Mediation, using the SMILE organisation, is an integral part of resolving neighbour and other disputes and we continue a joint contract with Burnley BC with funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner.

### **Organised Crime Groups**

8. We continue to use the PAM system to exchange information on Organised Crime Groups across East Lancs and in Pendle and have established a local GENGA panel to coordinate action locally
9. In addition we have run two specific campaigns for 2016 and 2017 :

### **Road Safety**

10. We are working closely with the Pennine Lancs Casualty Reduction Working group and have collaborated with LCC on a campaign ' Lets Look Out for Each Other 'which has been launched this week. We want to emphasise the need for care from both motorists and parents and children to reduce child casualties. This complements our previous Road Safety Week (Nov 2016) initiatives on reducing speeding and improved driver behaviour. A range of safety initiatives in schools and messages on social and broadcast media will be part of the approach.
11. A lot of work has also gone into reducing serious accidents in young drivers -Wasted Lives in all secondary schools and the Safe Drive Stay Alive sessions to thousands of College and older young people have had a real impact. We worked with Nelson and Colne college to improve the take up of places to good effect. There is emerging evidence that the bulge in those KSI in motor vehicles is shifting to an older group of drivers ( 25-39 years ).

### **Scam Awareness - Protecting vulnerable, often elderly, people from Scams**

12. We are coordinating work in the Borough to establish a network of trained scam 'friends' who can disseminate information and awareness to vulnerable groups about how to recognise and resist an increasingly sophisticated and cynical targeting of vulnerable and often lonely victims. We are working closely with the Police and Crime Commissioner who champions vulnerable victims and with Lancashire Trading Standards: training events and awareness sessions have already taken place and will continue as will the recruitment of volunteers and organisations. We have a scam busters alert going out on Face Book.

### **Community Cohesion Action and Prevent**

13. The CSP now receives feedback on both the implementation of the Prevent Duty which was introduced in the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and the delivery of community cohesion in the Borough. The Borough council now has a Statutory Duty to have due regard to prevent the individuals being drawn into terrorism – we have a compliance plan covering key areas and have already trained over 90% of staff to recognise and respond to signs that

individuals are at risk . Special sessions for waste operatives to recognise specific activity linked to terror have taken place.

14. On Cohesion over the past year we have collaborated with Building Bridges who lead on the Good Neighbours Project which the Borough Council has matched funded over the next 4 years. The Pendle Community Cohesion Action Network (CCAN) has been established together with the Pendle Faith Forum. The Action Network has met 5 times in the past year and has attracted a very good attendance from over 35 separate organisations. The aim is to provide a space to discuss local cohesion matters and develop a structured 'partnership' approach towards tackling some of the challenges we are facing. There have been a whole range of projects and events supported by the Network: the In Situ Community Banquet for 500 residents, Park High and Marsden Heights work with Primary Schools on Cohesion and 3 community conversation events are good examples. The Faith Forum has met 4 times and includes representatives from all faith backgrounds – they were instrumental in holding a public discussion and commemoration in Market Place following on from the Manchester atrocity.

### **Lancashire Victim Service**

15. Following two years of developing a service model to meet the needs of victims in Lancashire, the Police and Crime Commissioner awarded the contract for a new, integrated service model from April this year to the national organisation Victim Support. The model brings together, for the first time, services for victims of hate crime, young victims, sexual abuse and domestic abuse as well victims of more general crime types and of repeat ASB. There was some concern at the time that local specialist providers of Domestic Violence Services would be adversely affected to the detriment of victims of domestic violence. Victim Support are now the commissioned IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advocate) service for Lancashire. Previously this service was provided by PAC in Pendle ( previously known as Pendle Domestic Violence Initiative) It is too early to say the exact impact the new service has had positively or negatively and this will be one of the key points for the Scrutiny Committee to explore.
16. The integrated service will be delivered through four Lancashire Victim Services multi-crime teams based in Preston, Blackpool, Lancaster and Accrington. These locally based services will operate across the whole of the Lancashire. Pendle is covered from the Accrington Office.
17. To date we have had no update on the numbers of Pendle victims helped by the new service. A member of the new team attended a recent Domestic Violence Forum which demonstrates a willingness to engage locally but was unable to supply statistics on Pendle cases or how these cases were accessing the service i.e. by phone, e mail, 1:1 or outreach contact and which specific service was accessed. It is early in the life of the project but the PCC will be holding performance reviews with Victim Support but as yet these are not scheduled. A stakeholder briefing is attached (Appendix 1) together with copies of the leaflets for their Domestic Violence and Nest Services (Young People's victim service).

## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 - Lancashire Victim Services