



## **SCRUTINY REVIEW OF PENDLE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

To: Scrutiny Management Team

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Notes of: Community Protection and Localities  
Manager

### **Introduction**

1. The Community Safety Partnership has met twice since the last report in Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 and March 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 .The meeting in March was dedicated to considering a special report commissioned by the CSP and carried out by the Home office Violence and Vulnerability Unit which involved speaking to over 30 individual frontline workers who work primarily with young people in the Borough. The aim was to explore how far young people are criminally exploited in Pendle.

### **Police Recorded Crime in Pendle April 2017 to end of January 2018**

- During quarter three, all crime in Pendle CSP increased by 14.1% (669).
- All violence against the person increased by 34.4%.
- All domestic assaults increased by 37% (23). The increase in domestic assaults is largely due to the increase in non-injury assaults.
- Non domestic assaults increased by 9.7% (23), this is also due to the increase in non-injury assaults.
- All vehicle crime has decreased, however vehicle taking has increased by 40%.
- There has been a 30.9% increase in all burglary offences.
- Theft from the person has increased by 23% during quarter three. The highest number of offences was recorded in October.
- Shoplifting has also increase by 18.8%, there were exceptionally high numbers in November and December.
- Anti-Social Behaviour has increased slightly during quarter three, this is an increase of 1.3% which is an increase of 12 incidents.
- Road traffic collisions have decreased, there has been one less fatal RTC and a reduction of 15 serious injury collisions.
- Alcohol related crime in Pendle has increased by 10 % - most of these crimes were assault with injury and the highest number occurred in the Horsfield and Waterside Wards which corresponds to the busiest night time economy area in the Borough .

Police Inspector Andy Winters commented at the Community Safety Partnership on March 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 that there had been an increase in town centre burglaries recently and arrests for some of these offences have been made. In regard to burglary figures we are now unable to compare past figures as definition of house burglary has changed to include other types of burglary which previously were recorded separately (e.g. sheds and stand alone garages) The increases in violent crime which has continued is in the main caused by increased recording of non injury assaults which is National trend reflected locally – though the Police are not complacent .

### **Partnership Action**

2. During 2017-18 in addition to its day to day work on areas such as ASB and Burglary Reduction the Partnership Plan activity concentrated its focus on two key areas –
  - Reduction in Road Casualties
  - Protecting vulnerable people particularly the elderly from scams and deceptions
3. Work on both areas has continued – the high point of the efforts to influence the behaviour of young drivers was the Safe Drive Stay Alive presentation at Burnley Mechanics in October – a powerful and provoking experience where once again we were able to attract increased numbers of students from Nelson and Colne College. Our scam campaigns and training of champions has continued with support from other agencies. There is now nationally and locally much more awareness of these offences but people continue to be vulnerable. We continue to disseminate warnings and information through our comms. team and other partners.

Other important priorities have emerged which will drive the work of the Community Safety Partnership into 2018-19:

### **Brierfield Action Plan**

4. A series of multi agency meetings which have included local Councillors have taken place since November to address problems in Brierfield with support from the Community Safety Team and led by the leader of the Council. The presenting problems centred on the serious anti social behaviour of local youths in the months leading up to Bonfire Night but the meetings have sought to find a way of addressing some of the causes of this behaviour . Issues considered have included guidance for some parents and direct work with others, enforcement action, improved collaboration around youth support and activity, improving the positive aspirations of young people and undermining the impact of organised crime groups in the area. A recent planning event in March achieved buy in from key partners and an Action Plan is being produced.

### **Locality Review : Violence and Vulnerability**

5. Up to 36 frontline workers were interviewed at the end of November and a report presented by Paul Cullen , a leading criminologist who has led research nationally on the exploitation of young people by criminal groups and the discovery of County lines ( gangs moving drugs into provincial areas using vulnerable adults and children ) . The Report which presented a rich qualitative picture of what is perceived to be happening in Pendle was well received and came up with recommendations which were

discussed at the CSP meeting. Additional Senior representatives from Agencies in Pendle were invited who could potentially help us address some of the issues raised. A consistent picture emerged which suggested that Pendle, whilst not fitting the pattern of County lines found in other parts of the country, had its own well developed local drugs markets run by specific crime groups and the use of young people to sell and distribute drugs was well evidenced along with evidence of grooming . A number of measures were agreed including an in depth data backed profile of local drugs markets including possible use of prescription drugs, reviewing safeguarding thresholds and referral routes for young people caught in these positions , training for staff and exploring community engagement to raise awareness of some of the issues . The outcome of the discussions will be shared with Partners and an abridged version of the report will be produced for wider dissemination.

### **Local GENGA panel targeting Organised Crime Groups**

6. We are part of a Lancashire wide information sharing platform which collates information and actions on Organised Crime Groups and other issues of particular interest to departments within the Council. Action is coordinated at both East Lancs level and within a Local Pendle Genga Group by the Police aimed at disrupting the business model of organised crime. This is growing but important area of work in which the Borough Council departments and a range of other agencies actively participate. Monthly meetings are held locally

### **Transforming Lives and ASBRAC**

7. Casework management of vulnerable victims of ASB continues but the caseload now shared almost equally with Transforming Lives cases – those individuals with multi problems impacting on a range of agencies. These are by definition tough cases and which need a lot of multi agency buy in to resolve. Positive developments for the future will include the establishment of an integrated LCC team within the Borough.

### **Other Crime reduction Projects**

The CSP has with support from the PCC (10 k funding per annum ) and the Borough helped a number of smaller schemes including :

- Smile Mediation Services used in resolving ASB
- Target Hardening Burglary reduction Scheme
- Police Rural Watch Scheme using volunteers on horseback
- The development of scheme to install CCTV on Wycoller Car Park (work still in development due to the technical challenges)
- Overseen the upgrade of CCTV systems in the Borough
- Manage the alleygate schemes across the Borough

### **Changes in the Team**

8. I will be retiring at the end of March after 14 years working on Community Safety in all its forms, Cohesion and Prevent within Pendle. Sarah Astin will be taking over my role so the work of community safety will continue. I thank you for your sustained interest and support for what still remains an important issue for the people of Pendle.