



## **Pendle Community Safety Partnership Partnership Meeting**

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 09<sup>th</sup> December, 2019,  
Walshaw House

### **Present:**

Councillor David Whipp (Chair)

Jerry Stanford	Colne Community Safety Working Group
Abdul Kheratkar	Lancashire County Council
Tim Horsley	Pendle Borough Council
Sarah Astin-Wood	Pendle Borough Council
Nick Harbour	Pendle Borough Council
Andy Cartwright	Lancashire Police
Paul Goodall	Lancashire Police
Robert Ruston	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)
Nikki Major	Inspire
Claire Bennett	Positive Action in the Community (PAC)
Rob Richards	Our Lancashire
Cath Coughlan	East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
Alan Garner	LCC Children and Family Wellbeing Service (CFWS)
Aziz Naveed	Community Representative
Lee Harrington	LCC Public Health
Shazad Sarwar	Community Representative
Imtiaz Kala	Blackburn with Darwen Council (item 3)

### **1. Welcome and to receive any apologies for absence**

Councillor David Whipp welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from: Darren Mansfield, Lynda Waddington, Huma Butt, Amanda Lawson and Caroline Harrison.

### **2. Minutes from last meeting**

The minutes of the last Full Community Safety Partnership held on 09<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 were approved as a correct record.

### 3. Prevent - presentation

Imtiaz Kala from Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council ran through a presentation to outline the work the Prevent team will be carrying out over the coming months and to offer support to the CSP.

For full details, please see the attached presentation.

The main role to support will be around:

- Based on Priority areas of the 5 District Councils
- Burnley, Pendle, Hyndburn, Rossendale, Ribble Valley
- Determined by the Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP), Lancashire Prevent Delivery Partners (LPDP) and District Councils.

Imtiaz asked that if any CSP members had ideas of how they would like to work with Prevent to get in touch.

**Action: Prevent to set up meetings with Pendle Youth Forum, the Domestic Abuse Forum and Homelessness Forums.**

### 4. Pendle Community Safety Partnership Plan 2019-22

*Please also refer to the attached feedback forms on the three Task Groups.*

Keeping young people and adults with vulnerabilities safe

Claire Bennett ran through the latest developments:

- Met once and further identified foundations to develop milestones for key actions.
- CSE Awareness Event held with 70 attendees and considerable interest in all types of exploitation.
- Pan Lancashire Modern Slavery Group and a contact identified. To be followed up.
- Inspire has arranged a meeting with Elisha House to better understand their role and pathways into their accommodation

The upcoming areas of focus will centre around the following:

- Connecting with the Pan-Lancashire Anti Slavery Group
- Focusing on the potential impact of the Domestic Abuse Bill
- Understanding the numbers and establish a baseline before being able to monitor trends in reporting

- Establishing an overall picture of the current drug and alcohol situation in Pendle still needed.
- Developing a brief to open discussion with Lancashire Adult Learning around promoting education and employability to help to reduce reoffending.
- Monitoring access to accommodation for chaotic households; substance misusers; rough sleepers and offenders leaving prison.

#### Tackling the causes of crime through education and early intervention (knife crime)

Andy Cartwright and Paul Goodall ran through the latest developments:

- 8 point plan now in place. Data expected back in January to help move the project forward
- Paul is meeting with head teachers from local schools to discuss the idea of delivering knife crime prevention talks in the schools
- No knife bins are in place in Pendle yet. ASDA declined the opportunity to have one in their car park. There is still a possibility there could be one placed in Broadway car park.

It was again raised that communications around this is paramount, and it will be helpful to see how the bins are received in the other areas.

**Action: Paul to talk with Inspire about how best Inspire clients can dispose safely of any knives they may possess.**

#### Community Engagement and community safety priorities

Shazad Sarwar ran through the latest developments:

- Developing a CSP 'brand'
- Identify community ambassadors / mentors to assist in communicating CSP messages
- Neighbourhood Watch Schemes: Colne and Whitefield Ward (Nelson) and links to the Primary Care Networks and the LFRS Nosey Neighbours

**Action:** The Chair, Vice Chair and Sarah Astin to agree a strapline and the imagery for the new roller banners, and that £200 be allocated for the development of a portfolio of images for future promotional material from the Community Safety Partnership budget.

## 5. **Violence Reduction Unit (VRU)**

Robert Ruston gave a brief update around the latest from the Violence Reduction Unit.

The team now have 19 Members, five of whom are full time. They are based in two rooms at County Hall.

The three key areas the team are currently working on are:

- Divert Programme (working with offenders of violent crime)
- A & E Navigators
- Workforce training and development – a new communications officer is now in post which will assist greatly with this side of things

With regards to specifics in Pendle in terms of violent crime, currently Robert noted that levels are generally low at the moment – this includes knife, gun and sexual assault crimes.

It was noted that feedback on the work of the VRU and how local areas can get involved had gone quiet.

Robert was also asked about how, locally, we could access the new Safer Streets Fund.

**Action – Robert to:**

- circulate details around the current projects he and his team are currently working on;
- update on local links and opportunities between Pendle and the wider VRU work;
- report back to David and Sarah about accessing the Safer Streets Fund.

## 6. CSP Funding 2019/20

Sarah reported that some initiatives are currently ongoing this year's £10k from the OPCC:

- £4,000 to continue the work of Smile Mediation
- Just under £6,000 still remains available for future projects that the CSP may wish to support
- £200 allocated earlier in the meeting to go towards the imagery and roller banner for the earlier discussed community engagement project.

Some of the £2,000 Community Safety fund from Pendle Council is still available to support the CSP and in previous years this has been easily spent. £700 of this has now been allocated to the PDVI sanctuary fund.

**Action: Any initiatives (to support the CSP plan) – please contact Sarah Astin-Wood by 29<sup>th</sup> January.**

*Given the time of year, authority was delegated to the Chair, Vice-Chair and Sarah to authorise any spends for the remainder of the financial year.*

## 7. Performance

### Police - MATAC

Andy Cartwright from Lancashire Constabulary gave an update on the latest findings from the MATAC report.

*Please refer to attached report for full details.*

**Action: Note the update.**

### Domestic Abuse Services

Claire Bennett from Positive Action in the Community noted some data issues and therefore performance feedback was unavailable for this meeting.

**Action: Claire and Robert to work together to have data available for the next meeting of this group.**

### Lancs Fire & Rescue

The Chairman ran through a report sent through by Chris Archer of Lancashire Fire & Rescue.

*Please refer to attached report for full details.*

**Action: Note the update.**

### Inspire

Nikki Major gave a brief update around the latest goings on at Inspire:

- The team now have an office at the Grass Roots Centre in Nelson
- Interventions are now on the increase
- Looking to work with Colne Health Centre in the future
- Dual diagnosis meetings are taking place with mental health services

**Action: Note the update.**

### ASB & Community Safety

Tim Horsley from Pendle Borough Council gave an update on the latest around ASB and Community Safety issues.

*Please refer to attached report for full details.*

Following on from the recent decrease in ASBRAC referrals (none since September) and increase in Transforming Lives cases, Tim asked that the ASBRAC and Transforming Lives Panel become just the Transforming Lives Panel.

**Action: Members of the CSP agreed to discontinue the ASBRAC Panel.**

**Action: Note the update.**

#### Genga/ Serious Organised Crime Panel

Tim Horsley from Pendle Borough Council gave a brief update on the GENGA panel. The group are currently working on four different cases, and are looking to tackle CSE and illicit tobacco issues.

*Please refer to attached report for full details.*

**Action: Note the update.**

## **8. Forum Updates**

#### Burnley & Pendle Exploitation Group

Claire Bennett reported that numbers continue to increase in those attending the Exploitation Group meetings. The group are now working on items from the CSP action plan, particularly towards early intervention awareness projects.

A recent event saw excellent feedback from all those in attendance at a recent CSE Awareness event at Walshaw House.

#### Pendle Domestic Violence Forum

Claire Bennett reported that the next meeting due to take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

The annual November event was recently held in Nelson Town Hall in which over 25 different agencies attended.

#### Pendle Youth Forum

Claire Bennett noted that pop up youth club is now in operation in the local area. Visits are scheduled for Sainsbury's and McDonalds in Colne to help engage with local youths.

#### Colne Community Safety Working Group

Jerry Stanford, Chairman of Colne Safety Working Group, outlined the following updates:

- The Group continues to have good and rising attendance. It has been involved or has initiated the following activities since the last report:
- Worked with LCC Road Speed Management group to address drivers persistently exceeding 20 mph speed limits on Newmarket St, Shaw St, Derby St and Stanley St as well as on the North Valley estates. We also approached the Road Policing Unit to address young drivers undertaking speed-trial activities at weekends around South Valley roads
- Subsequent to the British Cycling event in Colne we have addressed issues for next year with regard to bus routeing and communications with Colne Town Council.
- We continue to pursue those responsible for dumping cannabis plant waste in many sites in the Town and in Trawden in concert with the Neighbourhood Policing Team and Trawden PC.
- Following a significant increase in the disposal of used hypodermic needles to the particular risk of children, we are working to have publicly available sharps receptacles made available.
- A suspicious van was identified to Police and is now on the watch list for West Yorkshire Police, where it is based.
- A new bout of graffiti in Trawden, including targeted attacks on a Church activist and on Lord Greaves, and a racial attack on their War Memorial wreaths initiated a request to the PNT to speak to a suspect. These attacks have not been repeated since.
- Actions to address irresponsible dropping-off of schoolchildren, notably in Trawden and Primet, initiated a raft of actions which have now been supplemented by a request to Parking Services LCC to assist with enforcement.
- Overt class A drug-taking by the public in Colne has been reported to PNT and action is following.
- A raft of signal-controlled road-works approvals in Colne all at the same time have brought the town and surrounding villages to gridlock just as the Lighting Up Festival is about to take place. LCC Highways and Councillor Iddon have been contacted to express serious concern at the risk to residents of interruptions on the emergency routes to hospitals, as well as the economic disbenefits that will arise.

Jerry also noted that there appears to be an increase in reports of Class A drugs in the town which is of major concern.

## **9. Media Opportunities**

No new media opportunities identified.

## **10. Any other Business**

No further business was raised.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 14:00 – 16:00 at Walshaw House.