



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

Minutes from the Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting  
held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 2.00 p.m.

### **Present:**

David Whipp: Chair

Tim Horlsey	Pendle Council
Wayne Forrest	Pendle Council
Jerry Stanford	Colne Community Safety Working Group
Steffani Hull	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (Lancashire)
Andy Ainsworth	Lancashire Police
Eloise Westgarth	Lancashire Police
Steve Ibbotson	Lancashire Police
Pete Ashby	Lancashire Fire & Rescue
Claire Bennett	Positive Action in the Community
Alan Davis	Together Housing
Gail Barton	Our Lancashire
Abdul Kheratkar	Lancashire County Council
Adriana Horsfall	Inspire

### **1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence were received from: Ahmad Aziz, Emma Foster, Nick Harbour and Rhiannon Leeds.

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

The minutes of the last Full Community Safety Partnership held on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 were approved as a correct record subject to the following two notes:

Jerry Stanford noted that an omission was made on page 10 of the minutes whereby members had discussed the Colne Youth Action Group and agreed to ask the group to devise a system to be copied across Pendle.

Alan Davis from Together Housing also noted that he did not appear on the attendance list despite having been present at the meeting.

### **3. Updates from partners on their service changes and challenges in light of COVID-19**

The Chair invited partners to raise any specific changes and challenges they have faced in relation to Covid-19 since the last meeting.

The only issue raised was around the definition of the word 'local' in terms of Covid-19 restrictions. The Government advice circulated wasn't particularly clear in where the boundaries of 'local' are.

The Chairman will be raising this at a Pendle Borough Council meeting in the near future to try to gain some clarity around the matter.

**Action:** The Chairman to seek clarification from Pendle Borough Council around this matter.

### **4. Lancashire Road Safety Partnership (inc Average Speed Camera's)**

Rhiannon Leeds who was due to give an update on this item had passed on apologies before the meeting.

Members decided to defer this item until the April meeting where they will receive a comprehensive update from Rhiannon.

### **5. Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) Update**

Tim Horsley gave an update around the Domestic Homicide Review which was agreed at a meeting of this Partnership last summer in relation to a father and son in the local area:

- The Review Panel was held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Members discussed how things will be set up, what happens next, the terms of reference and a timetable was agreed in which the DHR is hoped to be completed by July 2021.
- Agencies have been asked to submit independent management reports. A template was circulated in November and agencies need to have these completed and return by end of January.
- Next panel 9<sup>th</sup> February and working towards completion of the review by July.
- Everything running smoothly so far

The update was noted.

## **6. Pendle Community Safety Partnership Plan 2019-22**

Updates from each Task Group, including updated action plans, had been circulated with the agenda.

Brief details from each Task Group are highlighted below:

### **Keeping Young People and Adults Safe**

Claire Bennett had provided a report (see attached) and gave a verbal update on the following key areas:

- Targeted work has been taking place with the Youth Forum around some issues in Colne – working development has been ongoing for around 18 months now because of Covid-19 issues
- Children's Family and Wellbeing Services have been delivering a programme on Friday evenings in areas where young people have been congregating
- A film is being made by In situ which aims to allow young people to have their voices heard
- The planned child exploitation training and awareness event has held up because of Covid and change in staffing personnel at LCC – this will pick back up in Feb/ March
- The recent campaign with Inspire around domestic abuse was a real success
- Claire has also been involved in talks around a new charity (Colne Youth Action Group) being set up in Colne. CYAG are having talks with LCC around the Byron Road Youth Centre building and seeking funding. Key that partners on the youth forum discuss working together with CYAG.
- Jerry also noted at this point that Colne Youth Action Group has received substantial support from many agencies – including Burnley Football Club, who have appointed a specific person to work in Colne. They are also purchasing some mobile floodlights to go round and offer activities through Burnley Football Club in Foulridge, Trawden and Colne to try and build up relationships with local youths. The CYAG are also working with LCC and try to convince them to take youth centre off surplus to requirements list which would make it much easier for the charity to take over the building to run as youth/ community centre.

The report included a funding proposal for £10,000 from the CSP's OPCC funding towards youth engagement activity and projects across Pendle.

Action – funding agreed in principle subject to further working up in conjunction with Pendle Youth Forum and other partners.

Members thanked Claire for the update.

### Tackling the Causes of Crime through Education

Andy Ainsworth noted the following:

During Autumn 2020, a survey around student safety and knife crime had recently been sent to six secondary schools and one college. 1500 students completed it from year 7 to year 13. Some key responses from the survey are outlined below:

- 87% feel safe during the day
- 62% feel safe at night
- Main concerns of young people who took part - drug use and dealing and violence
- Only 3% of respondents felt there were issues with knife crime
- When asked who they would approach if they had any issues with knife crime, 54% said they would go to their parents, 12% to friend and under 10% would feel comfortable approaching somebody from the Police
- Only 12% of students said they had received some sort of awareness advice about knife crime
- Training starting in February with PCSO's which should help and courses will be offered to schools and local youths – knife crime

Members thanked Andy for the update.

**Action:** Andy Ainsworth to circulate the survey results to all members of the Community Safety Partnership.

### Community Engagement

A report had provided a report (see attached) and the Chairman gave a brief verbal update on the following key areas:

- Roller banner and leaflet ready to go to printers. Once social distancing measures are lifted we can progress. In the meantime the group is exploring sending the leaflet out electronically.
- Proposal to develop a Facebook page for the Partnership
- Community Safety messages continue to be communicated, with the support of the Council's Communications Team. These include: Hate Crime Awareness Week, Road Safety Week, Cyber Crime, on-line shopping fraud and White Ribbon Day/16 Days of Action.
- Due to Covid-19 we have been unable to run the agreed engagement objectives. However stakeholders & partners have sent out communications in reference to

Prevent - Domestic Abuse - Supporting vulnerable people – Road Safety – Hate Crime

- As funding opportunities arise, these are shared appropriately across networks, e.g. Community Foundation for Lancashire – Lancashire Covid-19 Community Support funding, East Lancs CCG, Lottery funding

Jerry Stanford also noted that the team were very keen for a Facebook page to be set up to represent the Full Community Safety Partnership.

The last event due to be held in Colne where representatives from the Partnership were going to go to engage with the public was cancelled due to Covid-19. They have been invited along to future events due to take place in April and November (subject to Covid-19 related measures).

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

Robert Ruston wasn't present at the meeting to give a full report. However, Steffi Hull had spoken with Robert before the meeting and Robert had circulated VRN December newsletter just before Christmas. No further information was available other than what was in the newsletter update.

If anyone has any questions they are asked to send them to Robert via email.

Members noted the update.

## **8. CSP Funding**

Wayne Forrest gave an update around the latest CSP Funding:

- Funding from the OPCC for 2020/21 has gone up to £20,000 from last year's £10,000.
- £3,500 had been previously allocated to Operation Provide
- £4,000 had been previously allocated to continue to fund mediation for the upcoming year

The Chairman then asked if there were any areas in terms of the ongoing pandemic that Members felt would benefit from support from the CSP funding pot. New issues could have arisen since the last meeting of this group which may benefit from assistance in terms of the CSP funding resources. No new suggestions were received at this stage.

### New requests

A request had been submitted to Wayne Forrest from an organisation named 'Certain Curtain'. The request was for a £1,000 contribution to help fund a number of online performances, online sessions, pdf's and workshops to engage with the community.

Members discussed the proposal, some of whom had previously seen the work carried out by Certain Curtain. Although members who had seen previous work from Certain Curtain and were impressed by the performances, Members decided that the funding would perhaps be more needed elsewhere given the situation with the Covid-19 pandemic still raging on.

The request for £1,000 from Certain Curtain was declined.

## 9. Performance

### Police (MATAC analytical report)

Eloise Westgarth had circulated the MATAC report from the Police. For full details, please see the attached report.

Category	Actuals May 2019-October 2019	Actuals May 2020-October 2020	Percentage difference
All crime	3790	3657	-4%
Violence against the person	1500	1537	<b>+2%</b>
Violence			
• With injury	415	461	<b>+11%</b>
• Without injury	1084	1072	-1%
Harassment	210	153	-27%
Stalking	19	90	<b>+374%</b>
Burglary			
• Residential	212	175	-17%
• Commercial	159	104	-35%
Shoplifting	181	174	-4%
Vehicle offences	165	95	-42%
All sexual offences	119	110	-8%
Rape	36	24	-33%
Criminal Damage & Arson	478	482	<b>+1%</b>
Domestic Abuse	595	677	<b>+14%</b>
Hate Crime	56	85	<b>+52%</b>
Hate Incidents	25	29	<b>+16%</b>
ASB	1535	3032	<b>+98%</b>

The Chairman note that the table showed a huge increase in numbers based on reports of stalking. Andy Ainsworth noted that this was likely down to how incidents were reported rather than a huge spike in cases.

Members noted the update.

**Action:** Andy Ainsworth to look at the numbers around stalking to check that there was not a major increase in cases and to confirm that the high figure on this months report is down to how the incidents are reported.

Jerry Stanford also noted that there was still no road casualties figures included in the report. He highlighted the importance of these figures which need to be presented to the Community Safety Partnership and kindly requested that these are provided at the next meeting.

### **ASB & Community Protection/ Genga / Serious Organised Crime Panel**

Tim Horsley provided a brief update around the figures for ASB, Community Protection and the Genga/ Serious Organised Crime Panel (for full details, please see the attached report):

#### **Genga Panel**

A Pendle Genga panel was held in December 2020 enabling partners to update the action plan; catch up on organised crime groups and plan future meetings. A further meeting is scheduled for later this month.

#### **Transforming Lives Panel**

Meetings were suspended during Lockdown but have now resumed using Microsoft Teams. All partners report an increase in the number of vulnerable people emerging as a result of Covid 19 and the Lockdown.

#### **Mediation**

Although mediation is still happening the two main referrals we had pending were large scale community mediations which cannot go ahead at this time.

#### **Community Protection**

Tim ran through the Community Protection statistics (see attached for full details).

Members noted the update.

### **Domestic Abuse Services – PAC and LVS**

Claire Bennett noted that figures have not been provided from LVS for some time now as Robert Ruston has moved posts.

Steffi Hull will look to get these figures for the next meeting and liaise with Claire Bennett as to how both the PAC and LVS stats can be collated.

Members noted the update.

**Action:** Claire Bennett and Steffi Hull to liaise outside this meeting to find a solution as to what would be the best way to present the figures at the April 2021 meeting of the Community Safety Partnership.

### **Inspire Substance Misuse**

Adriana Horsfall provided a brief update around the latest goings on at Inspire:

- High increase of referrals from the beginning of January 2021
- More face-to-face appointments now taking place seeing high risk cases
- Digital appointments via Zoom or phone for non-priority cases until lockdown restrictions are lifted

Adriana noted that its more difficult doing the digital appointments but the team are working hard to ensure the best service possible is available to all clients.

Members noted the update.

### **Lancs Fire & Rescue Service**

Pete Ashby from the Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service provided a brief update (see attached report for full details):

#### **Accidental Dwelling Fires for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter:**

October '20 = 8

November '20 = 7

December '20 = 5



This equates to an 8.5% increase for the same period of last year. The main wards responsible are: Horsfield, Bradley and Clover Hill.

The main causes are cooking left unattended and items left near heat sources.

#### **Accidental Building Fires for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter:**

October '20 = 3

November '20 = 2

December '20 = 1

This is a slight increase compared to the same period of last year.

The main causes are fireworks used too near to property, occupier under the influence of alcohol, electrical overheating and sparks from tools.

#### **Antisocial Behaviour Fires for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter:**

October '20 = 15

November '20 = 9

December '20 = 3

Slight reduction when compared to the same period of last year. Main wards responsible are Bradley, Horsfield and Boulsworth.

The main causes being loose refuse and wheelie bins.

The main concerns over the past 2 months has been a spate of malicious calls centred around an address on Regent Street, Nelson. To date there have been 16 calls. The Police have been informed and evidence provided by NWFC and our Incident Intelligence Officer. This has been in the form of log numbers and voice recordings. The occupier of the property states he knows who the voice belongs to.

Bonfire night brought with it a couple problems to the Fire Service re Pendle District. Fireworks thrown at firefighters in both Bradley and Brierfield wards. The one in Bradley caused singeing to a FF's hair. This was reported to both Police and via our internal H&S mechanism.

It's important to note that the numbers of incidents during the bonfire period has steadily declined over the past few years but both Bradley and Brierfield wards continue to be the main areas of concern.

Members noted the update.

## **10. Forum Updates**

### Pendle Domestic Forum/ Domestic Violence Forum

Claire Bennett noted that the Domestic Violence forum has been seeing peaks and troughs in terms of referrals due to Covid-19. Face-to-face appointments are only being held with what have been identified as high risk cases. Online support has been available for lower risk cases. A 'live chat' function has proved extremely beneficial for communication with these cases.

Members noted the update.

### Colne Community Safety Area Working Group – see report for full details.

Jerry Stanford gave a brief rundown of the latest goings-on from the Colne Community Safety Area Working Group. Key points picked out were:

Residents who usually attend the meetings have been struggling to do so because of Covid-19. The meetings are being held virtually and quite a few regulars don't have access to the necessary software to attend. The good news is Councillors are still making the meetings and outcomes are being circulated to residents.

The three main issues in Colne at the moment appear to be

- Anti-social behaviour problems with youths
- Drug dealing and using – a car has recently been taken off the road and the three occupants have been issued with fines
- Speeding around Laneshaw Bridge and Keighley Road. The Police have been made aware of this and are set to increase patrols to deter this happening again

Members noted the update.

## **11. Media Opportunities**

Steve Ibbotson to request that Andy Ainsworth works with Alice Barnett and Pendle Borough Council to promote the survey work that has been undertaken with schools and colleges around knife crime.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 14:00.

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