



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

Minutes from the Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting  
held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 2.00 p.m.

### **Present:**

David Whipp: Chair

Tim Horsley	Pendle Council
Wayne Forrest	Pendle Council
Nick Harbour	Pendle Council
Jerry Stanford	Colne Community Safety Working Group
Steffani Hull	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (Lancashire)
Andy Ainsworth	Lancashire Police
Adara Ashley	Lancashire Police
Rhiannon Leeds	Lancashire Road Safety Partnership
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
Alan Garner	Lancashire County Council
Claire Smith	Lancashire County Council
Emma Foster	Inspire

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence were received from: Aziz Ahmad, Amanda Lawson, Robert Ruston and Shazad Sarwar.

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

The minutes of the last Full Community Safety Partnership held on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 were approved as a correct record.

### **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.

No new items were raised which needed covering in this section of the meeting.

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

Rhiannon Leeds from the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership provided the following updates:

No recent analysis of the roads in Lancashire has been conducted due to officers having been assigned other duties due to the pandemic.

Average Speed Cameras are now in place on the A682 between Barrowford and Long Preston. Speeds can be monitored in both directions.

Rhiannon was asked about the possibility of having other areas monitored by the average speed cameras and how people would go about submitting suggestions. The roads being monitored are all data led from the website so areas of concern should be reported on there - [www.lancsroadsafety.co.uk/submit-concern](http://www.lancsroadsafety.co.uk/submit-concern)

Some Members present stated that in the past they have had difficulties in reporting road safety issues to the relevant people. The public and organisations are often pointed to the website to report issues, but it was felt that more pro-active steps could take place to speed up safety measures in areas that are causing particular concern.

**Action:** The Chairman to put this in writing requesting more face-to-face meetings to allow groups such as this one to pass information on directly to officers responsible and to discuss in more detail than can be done via online submissions.

Concerns were raised that no data has been provided for over 18 months in relation to where serious road safety issues were happening. Rhiannon explained that the team who work in this section were deployed to other areas during the pandemic. The person responsible for collating this data is now back in his usual post and he will analyse figures from the last 18 months and hopefully in around 3 months time, data for this last year will be provided. Data for 2019 is available on the CRASH map website - <https://www.crashmap.co.uk/>

A scheme named 'Road Sense' is also set to be delivered to schools over the coming months.

Members thanked Rhiannon for the update.

## **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 met earlier today to discuss the latest version of the draft report.
- The trial has now moved from April to October. As such, the Review Panel recommended to the Chair of the CSP that the review be suspended for a period, as further contact with the family and the defendant cannot be undertaken until the conclusion of the trial. Whilst the review will be suspended, the learning already identified can be implemented by the CSP before finalisation of the report. Following discussion with members of the CSP, the Chair agreed to the suspension

## **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:

#### **Feedback on last quarter activity:**

- Child Exploitation Awareness Group provisionally planning a further event for October 2021 which may be on-line.
- Funding from the OPCC to address the vulnerability of young people in Colne in particular and other town centres on Friday nights is being allocated to projects through the Pendle Youth Forum. In-situ have been working with young people to develop a film of their views about Colne and their lives there and a Covid-secure cycling project. A further bid is in development (please see below). A programme of work is being developed to address the lifting of Lockdown coinciding with spring and summer.

- The Transforming Lives Panel continues to case manage and is meeting again using Microsoft Teams. Case management currently exceeds forty with several complex cases being referred during the Pandemic.
- Pan Lancashire Modern Slavery Group and a contact identified. To be followed up.
- East Lancashire Reducing Reoffending Board Action Plan agreed and progressing. Integrated Offender Management referrals in Pendle will be managed by Transforming Lives.

#### **Key areas of focus:**

- A bid for further funding for the work with young people in Nelson, Barnoldswick, Earby and Brierfield
- Identifying sources of funding to continue the lead professional funding for Transforming Lives
- Connecting with the Pan-Lancashire Anti Slavery Group
- Focusing on the potential impact of the Domestic Abuse Bill and requirements that come with this.
- Working with the Housing Needs and the RRB to monitor access to accommodation for chaotic households; substance misusers; rough sleepers and offenders leaving prison
- Monitoring the effect of commissioning impact for supported accommodation
- Explore options around the White Ribbon Youth Advocate Programme

Members thanked Claire for the update.

#### **Tackling the Causes of Crime through Education**

Andy Ainsworth noted the following:

- Task group have not met since December but are due to meet later this month
- No major problems in relation to knife crime in Pendle
- May be worth considering a change of focus to other areas of anti-social behaviour

Members thanked Andy for the update.

**Action:** Wayne Forrest to brief Andy Ainsworth with the specific areas of anti-social behaviour that are being reported and look to make these the key focus on this section of the Pendle Partnership Plan.

#### **Community Engagement**

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

### **Feedback on last quarter activity:**

- Group continues to meet on-line
- CSP Facebook page launched January 2021. Currently has 82 followers.
- <https://www.facebook.com/PendleCSP>
- CSP partners are asked to share information on the page.
- Community Safety messages communicated on the Facebook page include: Scams Awareness, Road Safety, Flood Protection, Victim Support, Domestic Abuse – Ask for Ani, Sexual Violence Awareness Week, International Women’s Day, NEST Lancashire.

### **Key areas of focus:**

- Making links with Neighbourhood Watch Schemes across Pendle through Colm Flaherty, Secretary, Lancashire Combined Watch Forum, ‘The Neighbourhood Watch Association for Lancashire’ and to encourage more residents to set up schemes

**Action:** The leaflet to be scanned and displayed on the Community Safety Partnership webpage.

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

Robert Ruston wasn’t present at the meeting to give a full report.

Steffi Hull asked that 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
- £10k funding agreed in principle subject to further working up in conjunction with Pendle Youth Forum and other partners

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, though Claire Bennett stated she may have a request for the panel to review at the next meeting of the Community Safety Partnership.

## 9. Performance

### Police (MATAC analytical report)

Adara Ashley had circulated the MATAC report from the Police. For full details, please see the attached report.

There has been a total of 1,638 crimes recorded in Pendle between December 2020 and February 2021.

This represents a reduction of 6.6%, down 115 offences when compared to the same period in 2019/20.

By comparison, East recorded a 31.6% reduction and Lancashire a 22.6% reduction in the number of crimes recorded compared to the same period last year.

The following table shows a breakdown of all crime recorded in Pendle between December 2020 and February 2021, grouped by crime type, compared to the same period the previous year:

Month/ Crime group	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	3 month total	As % of all crime	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	3 month total	Difference	
										Numeric	Percentage
Violence against the person	249	236	250	735	44.9%	204	259	237	700	35	5.0%
Other Acquisitive Offence	118	89	93	300	18.3%	116	136	125	377	-77	-20.4%
Other Crimes against Society	72	57	65	194	11.8%	56	77	58	191	3	1.6%
Criminal Damage and Arson	54	60	62	176	10.7%	68	82	79	229	-53	-23.1%
High Impact Acquisitive Crime	33	21	30	84	5.1%	46	31	26	103	-19	-18.4%
Vehicle Crime	27	20	28	75	4.6%	24	24	26	74	1	1.4%
Sexual Offence	22	13	20	55	3.4%	16	32	24	72	-17	-23.6%
Other	9	7	3	19	1.2%	2	3	2	7	12	171.4%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>1,753</b>	<b>-115</b>	<b>-6.6%</b>

Although there has been a reduction in the number of crimes recorded in Pendle during this period compared to the same period last year, Violence against the Person and Other Acquisitive offences continue to be the two primary crime groups occurring, accounting for 63.2% of all crime in the area.

Jerry Stanford asked that thanks be noted to Andy Ainsworth and the team for the work being carried out in Colne to combat ASB.

Members noted the update.

## **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**

Pendle Genga panel has been meeting again since December 2020 enabling partners to update the action plan; catch up on organised crime groups and plan future meetings.

### **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 Lockdowns. This is reflected in the numbers below which have remained high since the Panel resumed in July; over a third of all referrals received since TL started have been received since the Pandemic began.

### **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 ran through the figures from Lancashire Victim Service and PDVI. Please see attached report for full details.

- Service users continue to increase
- The Domestic Abuse Forum are due to meet next week
- A new White Ribbon Advocate Scheme is potentially being rolled out over the coming months

Members noted the update.

## **Inspire Substance Misuse**

Emma Foster provided a brief update on around the latest goings on at Inspire:

- High increase of referrals being take – particularly around alcohol cases
- More face-to-face appointments now taking place seeing high risk cases
- The DORIS clinical van is due to go back out on the road to see service users now that lockdown restrictions are being eased.

Adriana noted that the service are looking for rooms to see service users across the Borough. Pete Ashby stated that the Fire Service have some community rooms that could be used if necessary.

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 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter:**

January '21 = 3  
February '21 = 5  
March '21 = 6

The 4 worst wards for accidental dwelling fires over the past year are Bradley, Horsfield, Clover Hill and Reedley.

Compared to last year in total we had 54 dwelling fires, in 2019-20 this was 45, so an increase of 20%.

#### **Accidental Building Fires for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter:**

January '21 = 2  
February '21 = 1  
March '21 = 1

Bradley, Coates and Whitefield are the main offenders for accidental building fires. In 2021 we had 20 in total compared to 2020 where we had 15. Increase of 33%.

#### **Antisocial Behaviour Fires for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter:**

January '21 = 1  
February '21 = 5  
March '21 = 10



Bradley, Brierfield, Clover Hill, Horsfield, Southfield and Waterside are the main offenders for Anti-Social Behaviour fires. These tend to be rubbish fires in gardens, alleyways, or litter/ wheelie bin fires. In addition woodland, grassland and allotments.

In 2021 we had 74 compared to 78 in 2020, therefore a reduction of 5.1%. This is probably attributed to the COVID lockdown, but as you can see it has increased again between February and March.

In total Pendle had over 1048 incidents which was an 8.5% increase from 2020.

Members noted the update.

## **10. Forum Updates**

### Pendle Domestic Forum/ Domestic Violence Forum

Covered at item 6.

### 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:

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

- Anti-social behaviour problems with youths - Restorative Justice team has been working hard with some success to deal with the worst offenders and their parents, they being identified by the NPT, and a Problem Oriented Policing action was involved at a week-end which had great success.
- Drug dealing and using – creates significant problem with user detritus widely scattered in public places.
- Irresponsible driving - continuing evidence of vehicle racing, including along Cragg St past the Police Station at a speed which prevented them recording the registration. Action is being taken to purchase three SPIDs with a Bluetooth download facility and solar powering, in an effort to link times of offences with CCTV and ANPR data.
- Street lighting - LCC have replaced the LED street-lighting with new bulbs but have turned the lux levels down. Investigation with Diane Speed at LCC suggest that the lower levels are instituted late at night to save money, but residents insist that the lower level remains throughout darkness. At a time when safety on the streets,

particularly for Women is of serious concern Nationally this seems hypercritical. The Council has also expressed concern around the same issue.

Members noted the update.

**Action:** That Lancashire County Council be contacted by this Partnership raising concerns around the street lighting.

#### **11. Media Opportunities**

Representatives present at the meeting were asked to consider using social media to help towards early intervention communication to prevent anti-social behaviour now that lockdown restrictions are starting to be lifted.

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

The date of the next meeting is yet to be confirmed.