

Health, Housing & Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee

23 April 2018

Report of Director of Health, Housing & Adult Social Care

SAFER YORK PARTNERSHIP BI-ANNUAL REPORT

Summary

1. Last year it was agreed that a report outlining the work that has been delivered through Safer York Partnership against the Community Safety Strategy would be reported to the Health, Housing and Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny Committee on a bi-annual basis. This report is the year end report for 2017-18 and outlines the work that has been delivered against each of the partnership's strategic priorities

Safer York Partnership Priorities

2. Safer York Partnership has identified the following strategic priorities within its three year Community Safety Strategy 2017-20:

Strategic Priority	Lead Agency
Road & River Safety	North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue
Keeping the City Centre Safe	North Yorkshire Police
Protecting People from Harm	CYC Safeguarding Adults & Children
Tackling Anti-social Behaviour	CYC/NYP Community Safety Hub
Serious Organised Crime	North Yorkshire Police
Tackling Substance Misuse	Public Health

Road and River Safety

3. A water safety forum was established in 2017 that meets twice a year specifically to consider the community safety issues related to York's two rivers. The group also has the flexibility to be convened quickly following any incident related to the river that requires a multi-agency response. The purpose of the group is to add value to the already established River Safety Advisory Group which manages day to day safety in relation to York's rivers.
4. The group has provided a water safety presentation to schools in order to raise awareness of the dangers of open water. This will continue to be rolled out across the city.
5. The Royal Lifesaving Society's video in support of their Don't Drink and Drown campaign has been widely distributed, particularly within colleges and universities.
6. The group is about to do some analysis of 'near misses' with a view to looking at what further preventative steps can be taken to prevent river fatalities
7. Road safety is delivered by the road safety task group. This is a small group led by City of York Council Road Safety but involving fire and rescue and North Yorkshire Police. The group has continued work in relation to tackling speeding but has also undertaken events to check tyre conditions and provide vehicle safety advice.

Keeping the City Centre Safe

Operation Erase

8. Operation Erase is a multi-agency initiative that has been running for three years and is aimed at tackling alcohol related anti-social behaviour (ASB) late on Saturday afternoons. The operation initially focused on the 'Had Enough' campaign with hard hitting images displayed at the station combined with high police presence and the development of a code of conduct with licensed premises.
9. Since 2017, no complaints have been received by North Yorkshire Police or by CYC Licensing in relation to behaviour by large groups. Community Safety have received one complaint relating to football supporters on one particular Saturday and British Transport Police (BTP)

have received two complaints, one of which was about overcrowding on the trains.

10. In preparation for the seasonal increase in visitors to the city, Inspector Andy Godfrey has re-convened the Operation Erase working group to agree commitment to multi-agency days of action and a refreshed communications strategy to ensure that people considering visiting York are aware that action will be taken to address alcohol related ASB

Business Crime

11. York Business Against Crime has continued to grow as the organisation that supports intelligence and information sharing between the business community and the police. The electronic sharing system, Sentrysis, has been rolled out to licensed premises to support tackling crime and anti-social behaviour in the night time economy. This includes a bespoke area for this sector and an app that allows door staff to access the system easily.

Wider City Centre Crime and anti-social behaviour

12. The Community Safety Hub has identified the city centre as a 'hotspot' meaning that a multi-agency problem solving group managed by the Hub has been established to look beyond alcohol related ASB and focus on the other issues which impact on the quality of life of residents and visitors to the city. This includes begging, rough sleepers and nuisance buskers. The focus will be on engagement, support and ultimately enforcement with the neighbourhood enforcement team working alongside NYP officers and Business Improvement District (BID) Rangers to promote a consistent message.

Counter Terrorism

13. In September 2017, a stakeholder workshop was held at the Bar Convent which included a presentation from the North East Counter Terrorism Unit and the identification of actions to support a multi-agency approach to increasing awareness and security in the city. Following that workshop a Counter Terrorism Task Group has been established which meets monthly and has developed an action plan to oversee the rollout of a programme of physical security measures, delivery of regular awareness and training events and establish a communications plan to raise awareness around Counter Terrorism with communities.

Protecting People from Harm

14. Work delivered through City of York Children's Safeguarding Board which supports the deliver of community safety aims and objectives is reported to Safer York Partnership. This includes work undertaken in relation to child abuse, neglect and exploitation. During 2017/18 some key pieces of work have been delivered including the development of a child neglect strategy, a more granular understanding of the prevalence of neglect and joint work with Public Health on dental health. The CYCSB has also been involved in the development of Operation Encompass where the police notify schools when a domestic incident has taken place and a student from that school was present. Whilst this initiative has been delivered successfully in other parts of the country, it has uniquely been developed to also alert midwives and health visitors within York and North Yorkshire.
15. Adult safeguarding procedures have been drafted in a single sub-regional document aligning seven local authorities. Safeguarding teams and the community safety hub work closely to protecting vulnerable adults from being exploited by criminals. Work includes the development of a multi agency approach to self neglect. Links have also been made in relation to the risk of vulnerable adults from modern slavery and human trafficking, serious organised crime and radicalisation.

Domestic Abuse

16. The Joint Co-ordinating Group for Domestic Abuse is an operational group that oversees delivery of domestic abuse services across York and North Yorkshire. It is also responsible for the development of the York and North Yorkshire Domestic Abuse Strategy. The group meets quarterly. Through the Commissioning Sub-group, a detailed needs analysis has been produced which will underpin the commissioning process and ensure that service provision is meeting the requirements of victims and perpetrators. An operational group has also been established to oversee the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) process and Making Safe Programme designed to provide support and accommodation for Victims and Perpetrators.

Prevent

17. Prevent Local Delivery group meets quarterly and includes representation from a range of organisations within the city including the universities, City of York Council services, Police and Fire and Rescue.

The group oversees the Channel (mechanism by which individuals suspected of being radicalised are identified and managed) process and contributes to the development of North Yorkshire Police's Counter Terrorism Local Profile. The group has reviewed the Channel process for York, establishing a monthly multi-agency Channel Panel which will manage channel referrals but also develop confidence and expertise locally in understanding the risks and vulnerabilities associated with Prevent.

Tackling Anti-social Behaviour

18. The joint Community Safety Hub located in West Offices and staffed by City of York Council Community safety staff and police officers has been reviewed with a view to improving joint working and improving quality of service. The Hub has achieved some significant prosecutions for environmental anti-social behaviour and criminal and anti-social behaviour related to tenancies. The team works closely with the police neighbourhood policing teams, undertaking joint patrols and operations focused on crime hotspots. Cases managed by the hub are the highest risk and involve the most vulnerable victims. Very often cases are complex with links to mental health and substance misuse.

Serious Organised Crime

19. The police are the lead agency for Serious Organised Crime but have established a stronger link with partners in order to increase the sharing of intelligence and information that can be used to disrupt active organised crime groups. This has led to an increase in intelligence being submitted and a more joined up approach to tackling these groups using the various legislative powers held by different agencies.
20. A network has been established to develop a similar multi-agency model to address human trafficking and modern slavery. This is in its early stages of development. Terms of reference have been agreed and the network has established that a major task is in disseminating training for front line staff to assist in identifying signs that modern slavery or human trafficking may be taking place.

Tackling Substance Misuse

21. There are clear links between many aspects of the health and wellbeing agenda and community safety. Substance misuse (whether drugs or

alcohol) is strongly linked to both crime and disorder. Substance misuse can also make some people more vulnerable and therefore at risk of becoming victims of crime. Work delivered through Public Health includes encouraging responsible drinking and positive behaviour. By providing those who are drinking at risky and harmful levels with the right information, effective support or treatment, alcohol related harm will be reduced.

22. Substance misuse services (including alcohol treatment) are delivered through a contract with Changing Lives in partnership with Spectrum Health. Alongside the development of specialist services Public Health are looking at other levels of service and influence in particular around alcohol health harm prevention. A programme of training in Identification Brief Advice (IBA) within front line services will contribute to the long term ambition of preventing the escalation of problematic drinking through early intervention.

Council Plan

23. The Community Safety Strategy links to the following priorities within the Council Plan 2015-19:
 - **A focus on frontline services** – to ensure all residents, particularly the least advantaged, can access reliable services and community facilities
 - **A council that listens to residents** – to ensure it delivers the services they want and works in partnership with local communities

Implications

24. In producing this report the following implications have been considered
 - **Financial** – none identified
 - **Human Resources (HR)** – none identified
 - **Equalities** – none identified
 - **Legal** Safer York Partnership is a statutory partnership identified within the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

- **Crime and Disorder** - Safer York Partnership supports the Council's discharge of its crime and disorder duties under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- **Information Technology (IT)** - none identified
- **Property** – none identified
- **Other**

No other implications identified

Risk Management

25. There are no identified risks relevant to this report.

Conclusions

26. The Police and Justice Act 2006 introduced a clear role for Overview and Scrutiny Committees in overseeing the work of Community Safety Partnerships and their constituent partners. Under the council's scrutiny arrangements bi-annual performance reports from Safer York Partnership are presented to the Scrutiny and Policy Committee.
27. Members are asked to note the contents of this report and agree to provide support to the Council in delivering the strategic priorities contained within the Community Safety Strategy.

Reason: To inform the Committee of work that has been delivered through Safer York Partnership against the Community Safety Strategy.

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All

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Abbreviations

ASB – Anti-social Behaviour

BID – Business Improvement District

BTP – British Transport Police

CYC – City of York Council

CYCSB – City of York Children’s Safeguarding Board

MARAC – Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference

NYP – North Yorkshire Police