



**Safer York /DAAT Partnership Board  
Minutes of the Meeting held at 9.30am on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015  
The Green Room, West Offices**

**Present:** Jane Mowat (JM), Head of Community Safety, SYP (Chair)  
Cllr Tracey Simpson Laing (TSL), Deputy Leader, CYC  
Dave Dryburgh (DD), Group Manager, NYFRS  
Charlotte Bloxham (CB), NYP  
Melanie McQueen (MM), CVS  
Jon Stonehouse (JS), Director of Children's Services, CYC  
Julie Hotchiss (JH), Acting Director Public Health, CYC

**In attendance:** Leigh Bell (LB), Substance Misuse Co-ordinator, DAAT  
Liz Butcher (LBU), Public Health England  
Samantha Pariser (SP), OPCC  
Paul Morrison (PM), ASB Hub Manager, CYC  
Pam Tinker (PT), Partnership Support Officer, SYP

**1. Apologies**

1.1 Apologies were received from Steve Waddington, Phil Cain, Mike Ryan, Angela Crossland and Pat Armstrong.

**2. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

2.1 The minutes of the last meeting dated 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014 were duly accepted as a true and accurate record.

**3. Matters Arising**

3.1 JM confirmed that the CSE information has been received and included in the Community Safety Plan.

3.2 JM reported that the issues around the SYP Performance Report are now resolved and a named person within the Intelligence Hub has been allocated to produce reports.

3.3 JM advised that the Community Safety Managers have met with Sarah Graham, OPCC to discuss the level of detail to be collected for quarterly reports which are disproportionate to the amount of funding received. Sarah has agreed to put this request forward at the next Community Safety Partnership meeting.

3.4 JM confirmed that the SLAs have been signed off by the OPCC and the funding has now been agreed and received.

#### 4. **Performance Report**

4.1 JM said that although a recent survey conducted by the Post Office ranked York as the safest tourism city, the Big York Survey suggests residents do not think that CYC/Partners are doing as well to reduce crime and make York a safer city. JM said that the SYP branding is less evident and needs to be brought on track. She said that the new website is underway and is to include a possible re-launch which will provide an opportunity for joint messages under SYP branding.

4.2 JM reported that the Domestic Abuse Strategic Board was held last week where the Early Intervention project and links to perpetrators were discussed. A successful bid for funding for accommodation for 24 victims has been secured and is to be administered through IDAS. JM recommended that members would benefit from a more in depth update.

***Action: JM is to invite Jo Beilby, DV Co-ordinator and Sarah Hill, IDAS to provide an update at the next meeting.***

4.3 PM reported that the four Environmental Protection Officers have now moved across to the Hub and the new additional officers are to commence next month. The Troubled Families Co-ordinator is now attached to the Hub for 2.5 days per week to try to ensure that early intervention remains an integral part of the process.

#### 5. **Prevent**

5.1 JM reported that there has been a re-structure in the Counter Terrorism work stream of Gold, Silver and Bronze. The Implementation Board (Gold) ratified that the Silver Group be removed and in future the Bronze Group will report directly to the Implementation Board. JM said that as she is the Chair of the Bronze Group then will report directly to this Board. The Group last met in November and looked at structures in place regarding referrals and channel cases. The Home Office has

released a Rack 3 training package which will assist in putting a process in place for channel referrals.

## 6. **Community Safety Plan Re-refresh**

- 6.1 JM reported that the Community Safety Plan was submitted to the Board in April but was not ratified. Since then the Plan has been cross referenced and re-freshed. JM confirmed that more detail has been included around protecting vulnerable people and with a staff member of Troubled Families working within the Hub has strengthened links with the YOT and its Board. JS requested that with regards to CSE that the safeguarding element and existing arrangements be strongly emphasised in the Plan.

**Action: JS is to provide the wording to enable JM to amend the Plan.**

**Agreed: that subject to these amendments that the Community Safety Plan Re-refresh 2014-17 be approved.**

- 6.2 JS advised that the Ministry of Justice are carrying out stock checks of YOTs and York is under scrutiny. The York model is currently working well and it is hoped that there will be no radical changes.

**Action: Angela Crossland is to provide the Board with an update at the next meeting.**

## 7 **ASB Hub**

- 7.1 JM reported that an evaluation has been carried out and the term ASB Hub does not reflect the broader agenda to include other areas of crime. She said that there are already concerns that the SYP branding has been lost and we need to be mindful that the work of the ASB Hub is not just enforcement but includes early intervention and prevention. JM requested members consider a re-naming of the ASB Hub to reflect this.

**Agreed: that the ASB Hub be re-named the Community Safety Unit.**

## 8. **Update on OPCC Funding**

- 8.1 JM confirmed that the first quarter has been returned to the OPCC and agreed.

- 8.2 JS asked whether Crucial Crew was still running. JM said that the event no longer runs as it has been difficult to evaluate outcomes against the large amount of resource required to run the event. JM invited submissions related to young people/education projects to use up the residue of £693 in the Crucial Crew budget.

**Action: JS is to investigate appropriate YP projects.**

## 9. Substance Misuse Report

- 9.1 LB summarised the report to include numbers in treatment and successful completion with both opiates and non opiates. LB explained that York has a number of long term opiate users, historic of methadone services. The medical costs for this cohort are high and Public Health is picking up the costs at £2.5 million pa. There is an urgent need to look at reducing these costs.
- 9.2 JS said with regards to alcohol users these groups need to be mapped across the spectrum to include families which disrupt cycles. To take this forward joint care planning is required to include local providers and Troubled Families. Once these key individuals/families have been identified then there may be some scope for pooled funding. This needs to be aligned with the Alcohol Strategy when it comes back to this Board for approval.
- 9.3 LB advised that Legal Highs (NPS) is a problem in York with young people as there has been a reported increase. Lifeline has developed an NPS action plan which included the delivery of sessions in schools to raise awareness. Trading Standards are unable to become involved until the audit is complete. The Alcohol Strategy needs to focus on this area of misuse.
- 9.4 LB reported that the Oak Trees intensive therapy programme continues to be successful. Three quarters of the clients are primary alcohol users. 60% of those discharged from treatment were successful completions. Only 8% re-present to treatment which is very low. LB said that she felt this programme is a worthwhile investment.
- 9.5 LB reported that the final draft of the Alcohol Strategy is almost complete and is to be released to this Board and other relevant Boards for comment. Comments are to be submitted to the Alcohol Steering Group for incorporation into the draft version. The final draft will be submitted to the Health and Well Being Board for ratification and will then be released for public consultation.

***Action: The final version of the Alcohol Strategy is to be brought to the SYP Board at the next meeting.***

- 9.6 LB advised that the Needs Assessment is to be held on the JSNA website and will run alongside the Alcohol Strategy. The Needs Assessment will provide detailed information and evidence about alcohol in the City to help support the achievement of objectives and development of the action plan.
- 9.7 LB said that they have been successful in securing £500k towards a “Dry Cafe/Dry Space”. They are in the process of identifying an appropriate premise. The model is already successful in Manchester, Liverpool and Bradford.

10. **AOB**

- 10.1 JM requested that some peripheries are not being brought to this Board such as Domestic Abuse, NYFRS and YOT and requested that a focus be placed on one of these areas at future meetings.
- 10.2 DD informed members that Dave Benson is looking to operate the York Rescue Boat Service this summer and through funding have been able to procure a boat to be patrol the Ouse at busy times of the year. The service is to be operated by volunteers. The intention of this service has already been highlighted through the River Safety Group. DD said that NYFRS have concerns as to Rescue Boat’s long term strategy and operational plan and have insisted on a memorandum of understanding being drawn up to provide clarity around intentions, sustainability, competencies and how and when the service is to be provided. He said that once a satisfactory agreement is in place then NYFRS will be willing to work with the Rescue Boat Service. JM said that the service has requested a Nightsafe radio however this has been declined as there are no clear benefits to the service having a radio. The Nightsafe radio is a communication tool between door staff and Police. Members of the Board agreed that they were unable to endorse or promote the Rescue Boat Service as it would conflict with existing services.

**Meeting Dates for 2015:**

**9.30am on 15<sup>th</sup> June – Green Room**

**9.30am on 14<sup>th</sup> September – Green Room**

**9.30am on 14<sup>th</sup> December – Green Room**