



North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership Bi-annual Update

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The report provides an update on the:

- Roles and statutory responsibilities of North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership
- Agreed priority areas for delivery (2018-2021), with a detailed update on domestic abuse arrangements
- Inter board arrangements with the Safeguarding Adults Board and the Safeguarding Children Board

2. Background

2.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a statutory duty on local authorities to create multi-agency partnerships to tackle crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse, and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment and to reduce re-offending.

2.2 North Yorkshire remains the safest place in England. This was confirmed in the Office of National Statistics (ONS) published January 2019. It shows that there were a total of 42,279 crimes in North Yorkshire during a 12 month period, a crime rate of 51.6 per 1,000 of the population. However it is still the lowest crime rate in England with the national average standing at 85.7.

2.2 A Community Safety Partnership (CSP) must include 'responsible authorities'

- Police
- Local Authority
- Fire and Rescue
- Probation
- Health.

2.3 Community Safety Partnerships can work with any other local, relevant partners; membership of North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership (NYCSP) includes the responsible authorities, including community safety lead representation from all of the district councils. The partnership is chaired by the Chief Executive of Hambleton District Council.

2.4 In addition to the above, CSPs also have a statutory duty to undertake domestic homicide reviews when the criteria are met. Under section 9 (1) of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004), a domestic homicide review means a review of the circumstances in which the death of a person aged 16 or over has, or appears to have, resulted from violence, abuse or neglect by a person to whom he was related or with whom he was or had been in an intimate personal relationship,

or a member of the same household as himself. NYCSP are currently undertaking two Domestic Homicide Reviews.

3. NYCSP Partnership Plan

3.1 Effective partnership working is essential in achieving the partnership's vis

“Working together to make North Yorkshire a safer place”

The partnership plan outlines the key strategic priorities for the next 3 years, which will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure they remain fit for purpose. For each of the strategic priorities, an annual action plan details multi-agency interventions along with specific performance measures for each area. The governance structure of NYCSP will allow for multi-agency scrutiny and support. All plans must allow for new and innovative approaches as we respond to an ever changing and more challenging community safety landscape.

3.2 The agreed NYCSP areas for delivery are;

- NYCSP development
- Community Safety Hubs
- Domestic Abuse (including scoping around Sexual Violence and Trauma)
- Serious and Organised Crime (early intervention and prevention)
- Hate Crime and Community Cohesion.

4. Inter Board Arrangements

4.1 NYCSP continues to maintain effective relationships with other partnerships. An inter board network in North Yorkshire has been established, where the managers of the boards (CSP, safeguarding adults board, safeguarding children board, and the health and well-being board) regularly meet to ensure agreed core principles are met.

- Safeguarding is the business of all boards
- The board will know each other's business
- A culture of scrutiny and challenge will exist across the boards
- The boards will work together to avoid duplication and ensure consistency
- At the heart of their decision making, the boards will remain focused on delivery that benefits people in North Yorkshire
- The boards share a commitment to a strategic approach to understanding needs including analysis of data and engagement with stakeholders
- The boards are committed to developing a joined up approach to assessing the effectiveness of services and identifying priorities for change, including where services need to be commissioned, improved, reshaped or developed.

4.2 The above principles are well embedded within the boards' practice. A development session across the Boards and its members is due to take place in June 2019.

4.3 NYCSP has received reports and updates from other connected partnerships below and this will continue:

- 95 Alive (Road Safety)
- North Yorkshire Drug and Alcohol Partnership
- Prevent Strategic Board (North Yorkshire and York)
- Serious and Organised Crime Board (North Yorkshire and York)
- Business Development and Innovation Board (Reducing reoffending North Yorkshire and York).

5. Community Safety Hubs

5.1 Since the last partnership plan was developed all seven North Yorkshire districts have worked on increasing multi-agency collaboration to tackle anti-social behaviour and crime affecting communities, including the co-location of police, district councils and other services into 'Community Safety Hubs'. Some arrangements and approaches vary, but common ways of working within these hubs include:

- The colocation of police, council and other staff
- A common 'matrix' scoring form to assess and agree referrals
- Active multi-partner case management
- Use of regular Multi Agency Problem Solving Meetings (MAPs)
- Joint working on agreeing actions.

5.2 General feedback and a number of hub specific formal evaluations indicate significant improvements in multi-agency working, better coordination and better outcomes for some individuals in our communities. North Yorkshire Police commissioned a Public Health Registrar to undertake a holistic evaluation across the hubs, considering activity, demand and impact. Findings of this evaluation will shape the partnership plan and related objectives.

5.3 The evaluation report highlighted the importance of multi-agency activity in each local area, enabling the sharing of intelligence linked to community safety and instigate appropriate responses at a local level.

6. Domestic Abuse

6.1 Alongside the joint Domestic Abuse Strategy for North Yorkshire and York, a tripartite funding agreement has been agreed between City of York Council, North Yorkshire County Council and the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner. This has enabled the joint commissioning of support services for victims, survivors and perpetrators of domestic abuse across the whole of North Yorkshire and York.

6.2 The strategy has a number of objectives, namely:

- To coordinate services committed to early intervention and prevention of domestic abuse for adults, children and young people
- To improve and deliver support to children and young people who are affected by domestic abuse
- To improve the safety of victims who experience domestic abuse and support them in rebuilding their lives
- To co-ordinate and deliver interventions for perpetrators to reduce reoffending

- To work together to improve the equity and consistency of services and committed funding through effective partnership working
- To empower those who wish to remain in a relationship with the values, attitudes and skills to remain safe
- To engage with communities to raise awareness and build confidence to seek advice and support when required.

6.3 A detailed action plan for the multi-agency delivery of the strategy has been developed.

6.3 **Improved support services for victims and survivors of domestic abuse**

A jointly commissioned holistic support service for all victims and survivors of domestic abuse, this will be delivered by Independent Domestic Abuse Services (IDAS). Support is available for anyone who is a direct victim or survivor of domestic abuse perpetrated against them. The service includes:

- Community engagement and Champions training
- Early intervention and prevention
- 1 to 1 emotional and practical support, including support through any police investigation and/ or court proceedings
- Target hardening where necessary to help victims remain safely within their own homes
- Supported group work and peer support networks
- Onward referrals and/ or liaison with other support services as appropriate.

6.4 **Improved support services for perpetrators of domestic abuse**

A jointly commissioned holistic support service for perpetrators of domestic abuse to provide them the opportunity to recognise, acknowledge and change their abusive behaviour, this will be delivered by Foundation UK. Support is available for anyone aged 16 years and over who is a low risk perpetrator of domestic abuse, including repeat offenders and parent to adolescent violence, who wishes to voluntarily address their abusive behaviour. Support includes:

- Triage and emergency, temporary (overnight) accommodation where required
- One to one motivational interventions
- Tailored perpetrator programme, including both one to one and group delivery options
- Support and address wider needs such as finance, housing, substance misuse and mental health through onward referrals and/ or liaison with other support services as appropriate.

6.5 **Improved support services for young people displaying abusive behaviour**

A jointly commissioned holistic support service to be delivered by Independent Domestic Abuse Services (IDAS) for young people aged 10-16 years who are starting to show signs of abusive behaviour to help to recognise and change their behaviour, re-building relationships with their family and working with a young person's parents/ guardians (where appropriate and relevant) to explore parenting skills and enable them to effectively challenge unhealthy patterns of behaviour.

6.6 Support is available for young people aged 10 to 16 years who are demonstrating abusive behaviour towards their family members and/ or within intimate relationships with other young people. A range of support will now be available

- Training for partners agencies with young people and their families on domestic abuse generally, adolescent to parent violence and abuse and safety planning
- Short term telephone support for parent/ guardians
- Parent information packs providing advice on safety planning, boundary setting and behaviour management
- Supported group work and peer support network for parents
- Respect Young Peoples programme, addressing adolescent to parent violence and abuse
- Specialist Young Perpetrators programme, address abuse within intimate relationships.

7. Recommendations

7.1 Members are recommended to note of the report's content.

7.2 Members may also wish to identify a specific activity instigated by NYCSP to explore in more detail. For example, regular reporting on the delivery plan; a specific themed discussion around one area; or learning and action from the findings of a domestic homicide review.

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