

North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership December 2020

Community Safety Plan Delivery and Partnership Working

Purpose of this Report

- 1.1 To update on the partnership working around the priority areas agreed by North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a statutory duty on local authorities to create multi-agency partnerships to tackle crime, and disorder and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment and to reduce re-offending. The world of community safety continually changes, the need for partners to work effectively together is essential. In addition, Community Safety Partnerships also have a statutory duty to undertake domestic homicide reviews when the criteria are met
- 1.2 North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership has agreed the following priority areas for delivery;
 - Partnership development
 - Community Safety Hubs
 - Domestic abuse
 - Serious and Organised Crime (early intervention and prevention)
 - Hate crime and community cohesion
- 1.3 The Safer Communities Team, that support the delivery of the above also lead on the North Yorkshire partnership delivery of 'Prevent', identifying and supporting those individuals vulnerable to terrorism.

2.0 Partnership Development

- 2.1 North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership has continued to maintain effective relationships with other partnerships. Leads from the Safeguarding Adults Board and Local Safeguarding Children Partnership regularly meet and jointly deliver on;
 - Communications and engagement strategies
 - Actions from 'learning reviews'
 - Strategic and operational matters e.g. multi-agency child exploitation arrangements.

3.0 Community Safety Hubs

- 3.1 A joint coordinating group manages the continued development of the Community Safety Hubs across the county. The group reports directly to North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership.

- 3.2 A review of these arrangements has taken place over recent months. To ensure there is a consistent 'framework' across the Hubs, but the Hubs are still able to identify and respond to local needs. The proposed action plan that will be considered at the next Community Safety Partnership on the 14th December includes joint training opportunities, sharing of good practice, joint approaches for projects and funding.

4.0 Domestic Abuse

- 4.1 **Tactical Group-** Since March 2020 a tactical domestic group has met regularly (initially weekly, more recently fortnightly). Standing agenda items for discussion and action includes:
- **Domestic abuse demand** (reported incidents and recorded crime, use of commissioned services including helplines and web chat facilities)
 - **Domestic abuse multi-agency arrangements** (changes to processes, demand)
 - **Commissioned services** (updates on service provider delivery, including accommodation and refuge need)
 - **Multi-agency communications.**
- 4.2 IDAS is commissioned to deliver support services for victims of domestic abuse across North Yorkshire and York. Throughout this year, IDAS have continued to offer support via telephone, online video calls, live chats, messages and emails to anyone affected by domestic abuse. IDAS is also the commissioned provider for victims' accommodation based services, via refuges and dispersed accommodation, such provision has remained open.
- 4.3 Foundation provides the commissioned service '+Choices' for perpetrators. During this period Foundation have continued to accept referrals and assess perpetrators for support, and have delivered one to one support services to their clients via telephone and video links. The service continues to support perpetrators to access emergency accommodation and where appropriate, applications for longer-term alternative accommodation.
- 4.4 By closely monitoring local demand, we have been able to take appropriate action, when needed. For example, promoting local services within Covid testing sites, multi-agency communications focused on local services, discussions with housing leads for accommodation.
- 4.5 **Domestic Abuse Bill-** On 3rd March 2020, the government re-introduced the Domestic Abuse Bill. The Bill will include a new duty on Tier 1 local authorities to provide support for victims and their children within safe accommodation. Subject to the successful passage of the Bill, the new duty will commence in April 2021.
- 4.6 The proposed statutory duty includes **A duty on local authorities to convene a multi-agency Local Domestic Abuse Partnership Board**, which must perform certain specified duties:

- a) Assess the need and demand for accommodation based support for all victims, including those who require cross border support
- b) Develop and publish strategies for the provision of support to cover the locality and diverse groups of victims
- c) Make commissioning/ de-commissioning decisions
- d) Meet the support needs of victims
- e) Monitor and evaluate local delivery
- f) Report to central government.

5.0 Serious and Organised Crime (Early Intervention and Prevention)

- 5.1 The national Serious and Organised Crime strategy is based on a 4P's approach.

Prevent- To stop people becoming involved in Serious and Organised Crime

Protect- To increase protection against Serious and Organised Crime

Prepare- To reduce the impact of Serious and Organised Crime

Pursue- To prosecute and disrupt those engaged in Serious and Organised Crime.

- 5.2 Working in partnership with other agencies, two task and finish groups have been established. One focussing on the training and information available for the multi-agency workforce, in identifying and supporting those vulnerable to serious and organised crime. A second group will focus on identifying, collating and developing the multi-agency interventions available to practitioners in supporting individuals and their families.

6.0 Hate Crime and Community Cohesion

- 6.1 The community cohesion officers have continued to engage with specific hard to reach communities, notably within the Scarborough area.

- 6.2 The Hate Crime Working Group, in partnership with agencies and other partnerships, drove forward a range of 'virtual' activity during Hate Crime Awareness Week, October 2020. Twitter and social media were used, with a themed approach to messages during the week. There were over 32,000 'impressions' (number of people who saw the tweets) and over 1,000 'engagements' (number of people who have engaged e.g. liked, retweeted, and expanded for more detail).

7.0 Prevent and Channel Panel Arrangements

- 7.1 Channel Panel is the multi-agency approach to identify and provide support to individuals who are at risk of being drawn into terrorism. There is a clear distinction between those who present a 'terrorism vulnerability' (Channel support) and those who pose a 'terrorism risk' (management by the Police).
- 7.2 New national guidance has been published. It is reassuring to know that our local arrangements reflect national expectations. The guidance includes a more robust monitoring framework, to ensure a national consistent approach. An annual assurance statement will need to be completed by the Chief Executive, including

details of the designated officers for chair and vice chair and confirmation that suitable arrangements are in place

- 7.3 During this period, individuals have continued to be discussed in the Channel arena. We know locally and nationally that online activity is having a significant impact on vulnerable individuals.

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