



Mid Sussex Partnership Board meeting, 18 January 2018

Summary of discussions

1) Welcome and introductions

Attendees: Cllr Gary Wall – Chair; Natasha Allen - Partnerships Manager MSDC; Cllr Norman Webster – Member; Peter Stuart – Head of Corporate Resources MSDC, Kate Wilson - BUL Community Services, Policy & Performance; Trish Harrison- IPEH Hub System Leader WSCC; Sara Jones- Head of Commissioning Sussex PCC; Debra Balfour- Principal Manager Partnerships & Communities Team WSCC; Gulu Sibanda Principal Community Officer WSCC; Claire Clilverd- Lead Professional WSCC, Rosie Ross- Chief Inspector Sussex Police; Paul Wood- Sussex Police; Inspector Sussex Police; Sue Edgson- Manager, Horsham and Mid Sussex Voluntary Action; Paul Turner- Wellbeing Manager MSDC; Anne Corkery – Consultant in Public Health; Nicky Dodds- Neighbourhood Investment Manager- South, Clarion Housing Group; Cllr Jacqui Landriani- MASTC Representative, Cllr Rex Whittaker- MALSC Chair, WSCC; Claire Gibbard- Minute Taker, Performance & Partnerships Support Officer, MSDC.

Apologies received in advance of the meeting from: Councillor Anne Jones - WSCC Member Representative

2) Minutes of MSP Board Meeting 14th September 2017

Minutes were discussed and agreed.

3) Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) update- Sara Jones

The latest funding round closed on Monday 15th January and applications are currently being reviewed. There were no applications from Crawley and it was asked if the Board could consider how best to share the message to a larger audience to get engagement. The Community Grant is currently open for applications until February.

The fraud vulnerability scheme, Operation Signature currently is in its pilot stage, with 244 referrals so far and work load being dealt with as case to case work allowing the case worker to identify possible further vulnerabilities.

Cllr Landriani asked how does a referral work. Sara advised to use the website <https://www.getsafeonline.org> as it provides an online directory.

4) Update from West Sussex County Council- Trish Harrison

Trish Harrison provided an update on IPEH (Integrated Prevention and Earliest Help) as the Hub was formed in April 2017, mobilised in September 2017 and they are now moving into the consolidation phase. A Hub profile has been drawn up providing information on demographics, housing, crime etc. Trish will share this document with MSPB members for feedback as looking for it to be published in April 2018. This will become an annual publication moving forward.

IPEH will now be looking at refreshing the programmes that are delivered to areas and where improvements can be made e.g. there is currently no delivery service for young people in Burgess Hill and rural areas.

IPEH hosted a Stakeholder and Safeguarding event on 7th December in Burgess Hill and there was positive feedback from attendees and the Board, and is planning a Mental Health event in July.

5) Sussex Police Target Operating Model and crime statistics for the District- Rosie Ross

Changes to Local Policing have been completed with the placement of Public Engagement Officers, Prevention and Enforcement Team. Crime in Sussex is at an ambient level with burglary and violent crime down and current focus is on 'hidden crimes' which includes domestic abuse.

Cllr Wall added that Sussex Police provide regularly updates to MSDC and the key is for the Authority to reassure the public that lack of visibility does not mean lack of resources instead that this means the Police are taking a target focused approach; resources are deployed to areas needed.

Cllr Whitaker asked for an update on CCTV budgets, upgrades and who controls them. Paul Wood responded that there are 3 CCTV contracts and progress is being made for software improvements, upgrades and placement of cameras in key 'hotspot' areas, redeployment and maintenance. Natasha Allen added that a new CCTV funding agreement has been drawn up for April 2018 which includes, the move from analogue to digital rolling out over a 12 month period, there will be a few adjustments to locations, with an example being the placement of CCTV at St Johns Park. Savings have been made and Natasha will attach an update with the minutes when circulated.

Councillor Wall commented that officers have had a fantastic approach using Bodycams. Chief Inspector Ross responded that every uniformed officer is wearing a Bodycam and they have embraced this as it not only provides additional evidence to a case but also has calming effect as people know they are being filmed. Sara Jones added that in Domestic Abuse Matters (a national training scheme), attendees are shown how Bodycam footage can influence charging and evidence led prosecutions.

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6) Positive Placements- Natasha Allen

A decision needs to be made on whether to continue funding the NEET project for the next financial year. The MSP has funded the NEET project for three years. Positive Placements work with NEET young people (Not in Education, Employment or Training), providing weekly mentoring sessions for a year, assisting a young person to engage in society and get them back in education, employment or training. In total, 88 people young people have been referred to the project- Positive Placements won the Advice and Guidance award at the Children and Young People Awards 2017. It was agreed to continue funding for the project.

Kate Wilson asked if it is possible to breakdown the outcomes further to show how successful the project is. Nicky Dodds agreed with Kate and added that it would be interesting to see how Clarion and Positive Placements integrate. Trish Harrison responded that Positive Placements coincides with IPEH and they are working with schools to target unknowns.

7) Safer Internet Day and Contextualised Safeguarding- Claire Clilverd

Information was given on Contextual Safeguarding and how Partnerships would mainly focus on an indirect intervention. Various events and initiatives are being held to increase awareness and support such as advice for parents and carers through an online guide including a list of social media apps being used, working with schools on engagement and how to support individuals, mobilising community officers and using CCTV as a deterrent/evidence.

Barnardo's "Nightwatch" training has been delivered raising awareness and how to report signs of child sexual exploitation for those who work in the night time economy such as taxi drivers. Barnardo's will be carrying out training on Radicalisation in March 2018.

WSSCC is carrying out work in the following areas:

Safe Internet Day, 6th February 2018: This year's theme, 'Create, Connect and Share Respect' to encourage young people to use the internet to positive effect as well as advise parents and carers on how to be proactive to prevent children from being vulnerable. There will be an Online Safety session in Horsham that people can attend on 5th February. <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

Safer in West Sussex Conference, 8th March 2018: focus will be on drug and alcohol abuse, domestic and sexual abuse.

CSE Awareness Day, 18th March 2018: providing a toolkit for local authorities and elected members.

Sue Edgson commented that there needs to be reinforcement on awareness for Community and Voluntary Services. Claire Clilverd responded that Barnardo's have been providing training for hoteliers and leisure centres and Sara Jones added that the Safeguarding in Sport Forum, supported by Sussex Football Association works with organisations to provide support, awareness and uses big charities to act as peer groups for smaller groups.

8) Unlocking the Power of Communities work-stream briefing- Debra Balfour

Debra provided an update on the transformation of west Sussex transformation services.

Spacehive <https://www.spacehive.com/>, WSSCC are going to change the way grants are applied for. They are looking to commission Spacehive, a crowd funding website to access grants. They wish to change their relationship with groups with WSSCC being only one of many sources providing funding; this should give more opportunity for groups to get funding from other sources. If Spacehive are successful, then training will be provided to the voluntary sector including library staff. There are currently 25 Local Authorities signed up to Spacehive and WSSCC are looking to go live soon after April 2018.

WSSCC will be following a 'place based approach'. A pilot scheme will be happening in Ardur.

Improving and reframing voluntary sector, Debra's team will be looking into infrastructure support- and what's needed locally. Discussions will occur with existing voluntary groups using workshops and surveys to identify needs and strands that can benefit multiple people.

Project Civic, will be looking at the using community spaces better i.e. libraries and how other services can use space available.

9) Emerging issues and future topics for Board- Cllr Wall

Future discussion will be required on how the MSPB operates with discussion on how the Board can improve such as funding and membership changes.

Resident will be seeing increases in costs and with the implementation of universal credit there is an expected impact on temporary housing and MSPB will need to look into what they can do to support this.

Nicky Dodds added that Clarion will be looking into what projects they can commission to support communities and taking a proactive, rather than reactive, approach.

10) Any other business and proposed dates for future meetings – Cllr Wall

Dates for the next three MSP meetings have been schedule for:

- Thursday 26th April 2018,
- Thursday 26th July 2018 and
- Thursday 25th October 2018.

All to be held in the Function Suite at Clair Hall, Haywards Heath.