

**Safer York Partnership/Drug Action Team  
Partnership Board Meeting  
12 Noon – 2.30pm Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2012  
Committee Room 2 at the Guildhall**

**Present:** Lisa Winward, Supt, NYP (Chair)  
Steve Waddington, AD Housing and Public Protection, CYC  
Pete Dwyer, Head of Children & Families, CYC  
Wendy Hilton, IOM Manager, North Yorkshire Probation Trust  
Ian Hill, Group Manager, NYFRS

**In Attendance:** Jane Mowat, Head of Community Safety, SYP  
Leigh Bell, Substance Misuse Co-ordinator, DAAT  
Paul Edmondson-Jones, Director of Public Health, CYC  
Liz Butcher, NTA  
Phil Cain, Chief Inspector, NYP  
Paul Bennett, NYFRS  
Jason Gough, Engagement Support Officer, NTA (Item 6 only)  
Pam Tinker, Business Support Officer, SYP (minute taker)

**1. Apologies**

1.1 Apologies were received from Catherine Surtees, Gina Allen, Fiona Fitzpatrick, Dafydd Williams, Mike Ryan and Pat Armstrong.

**2. Minutes of the Last Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

2.1 Minutes of the last meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2012 were duly accepted as a true and accurate record.

**3. Matters Arising**

3.1 In relation to the Community Safety structure post PCC the Chair reported that a paper is to be produced, by a working group, and submitted at the next meeting of the York and North Yorkshire Forum with options of future CSP structures and engagement with the new PCC. Steve Waddington advised that there is a preferred model for one statutory CSP at County/Force level with delivery arms (a hub and spoke model) which is to include only one countywide CSP Manager outside York and Selby. There is likely to be minimal financial input into schemes from March 2013 and interventions will have to be developed from core funding. Steve confirmed that the reserves held by SYP would not be transferred to the PCC but may be used to invest into future crime prevention projects. This should put SYP in a position of strength compared to other CSPs in the County. Members agreed that whilst this model is to be considered, the DAAT structure also needs to be included in deliberations.

3.2 Progress on the Alternatives Project is to be discussed under agenda item 6.

3.3 Leigh Bell reported that she is unable to bring back an update to this Board on the IDTS as, at present, no-one is responsible for this scheme during the transition taking place within the Health service. Discussions are to take

place once the new post is in place and review of the IDTS model is to remain an agenda item.

- 3.4 The Chair reported that with the re-structure of health services developing it is unlikely that the Board will have a representative from the PCT. Paul Edmondson-Jones agreed, in the interim, to provide the link with the PCT, Health and Well being board and the Partnership Board.
- 3.5 The Chair noted that recommendations are still being awaited from CYC Legal Services with regards to the “comfort “ letter being used by Lifeline on the issue of “safe” foil to clients.

**Action: Paul Edmondson-Jones is to take this forward with Legal Services and report back.**

- 3.6 Steve Waddington reported that the possibility of displaying crime prevention messages on matrix boards around the city needs further exploration, as there is a likelihood that these could form part of a wider communications strategy, for example, posters on Council's fleet.
- 3.7 Jane Mowat confirmed that an overview of high crime areas at ward level is included in the current Performance Report.
- 3.8 Jane confirmed that this action is now complete as all amendments have now been included into the Community Safety Plan. This is a living document and is to be updated throughout the year to reflect the current position regarding performance and initiatives.
- 3.9 Jane reported that work is ongoing with NYP with regards to the VRA process. As yet, no definitive model has been agreed however once a consistent approach has been achieved then it will be brought back to this Board.

**Action: Jane Mowat is to take this forward with Paul Morrison to agree a timescale.**

- 3.10 Jane advised that she had made contact with CYC finance and confirmed that in the event of the Partnership being dissolved then redundancy costs would be slightly in excess of £65k. Steve informed members that redundancy costs currently sits with the Partnership and any residue would be pass ported back to the strategic partners. He suggested that one option is that CYC could take out the redundancy costs from reserves and place into a holding account and recommended that this Board should decide how the remaining reserves should be spent, with a caveat that spend should be on crime prevention initiatives.

**Action: Jane Mowat and Phil Cain are to meet to discuss options on how to commit this funding and bring options back to the next board.**

4. **SYP – Performance Report**

- 4.1 Jane Mowat reported that the next JSIA is to be undertaken and it is hoped that this will reflect on the excellent delivery results being achieved as the document will confirm to the PCC the detail of success of initiatives.
- 4.2 Jane said the report contained a breakdown of high crime areas as requested by this Board. She advised that much work is being carried out with students on providing crime prevention messages, including the Mediation Co-ordinator, who is currently working on student and neighbour mediation. Jane reported that SYP have agreed matched funding with NYP on providing timer switches as part of the “Dark Night” campaign.
- 4.3 Jane confirmed that A & E data is now being produced and SYP are now looking at working with the hospital to expand both the quality and usage of this data.
- 4.4 Jane advised that Nightsafe is currently being reviewed and is to be renamed AVANTE (Alcohol Violence and Night time Economy).
- 4.5 The DPPO for York has now been circulated for consultation, including a press release. The results are to be made available in December. It is anticipated that the boundaries will be re-drawn.
- 4.6 Jane informed members that the priority for Business Crime lies with shoplifting. A survey was recently distributed to RACY members and the results indicate a likely change in the way support is to be provided in the future to retailers particularly in regards to shoplifting. Progress on this will be brought back to the Board.
- 4.7 Jackie Jackson is in the process of producing a detailed action plan for Hate Crime which is to go to CYC Cabinet. Once approved the action plan will be brought back to this Board.
- 4.8 Pete Dwyer raised concerns around the Domestic Violence agenda. Jane said the Domestic Violence Strategy is a joint county and city wide document and recommended that should clarification be required then a future meeting could focus on a specific report being presented by the appropriate practitioner, in this case, the DV Co-ordinator. Members agreed that in the event of allocating funding to interventions then it would be useful to have the input of an appropriate practitioner.

***Agreed: that at the next meeting discussion is to be solely around where we are in the development of looking at interventions and priorities and, with the assistance of invited practitioners, agree on allocating funds.***

***Action: All members to update actions prior to the next meeting and pass on to Pam Tinker by no later than Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November to enable the meeting structure to be devoted to the above discussion. The minutes with updated matters arising will be circulated with the agenda and associated papers one week prior to the next meeting.***

5. **SYP Financial Statement up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

- 5.1 The Financial Statement was duly noted and Jane confirmed that full spend is on track.

6. **DAAT**

A discussion took place to resolve an outstanding decision as to whether a National Patient Opinion opportunity should be implemented in York. The Chair noted that an offer had been made for this project to take place in York but there had been some concerns raised by the local DAAT that the project could be detrimental to the current processes in place in York. Despite negotiations a compromise had not been reached and therefore the decision had been brought to the board to consider the benefits and risks and determine a way forward.

The Board were reminded of their role in this debate in ensuring that the statutory partners are delivering an effective service to the community it serves.

6.1 **Alternatives Project**

Jason Gough attended this section of the meeting and provided members with the background of Patient Option York (previously minuted at the last meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> August) and his role in supporting this project by providing four hours of time to attend treatment centres in York and gather feedback from patients about treatment care, some of which will be recovery orientated. He said that capturing recovery stories from people and displaying in treatment services would make recovery more visible and assist others in the recovery process.

Leigh Bell stated that York is running its own recovery programme, which supports Patient Opinion methodology recommended through the Strang Report, and felt that external support would only provide duplication, potentially add complications and not provide any added value. She asked that as no agreement could be reached between the organisations regarding their alternative views on this issue that the Partnership Board make a decision at this meeting.

A discussion took place and several Board members considered that the expert knowledge of the local DAAT staff should take primacy. Their concerns regarding the potential conflict that the National programme could create in complicating the progress of local work could impact upon effective delivery of services to the community.

***Agreed: that having listened to the benefits and risks outlined by the Patient Opinion project and the local DAAT, the members of the Board determined that the local DAAT experts opinion should take precedence. That being the case the National Patient Opinion project offer for York would be declined.***

6.2 **Quarter One Performance Report**

Leigh Bell advised members that this item included a thirty minute presentation. The Chair advised that as so much time had been devoted to the previous item that a brief summary could be given and following this the performance report be circulated to members.

**Action: Leigh Bell is to circulate the Performance Report in advance of the next meeting.**

7. **New Roads Reserves Fund**

7.1 The Chair asked members to note the information circulated to members regarding the creation of a Community Alcohol Link Worker to be funded for a period of three years by a previous service provider and ring fenced funding. Consideration should be given as to how the partner agencies to utilise this resource to link into the work of the partnership.

8. **AOB**

8.1 Members present agreed that the date of the next meeting should return to:

**1pm – 4pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012 in Conference Room 1 at 20 George Hudson Street, York**