

**Safer York Partnership/Drug Action Team  
Partnership Board Meeting  
1pm - 4pm Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
SYP Conference Room, Lower Friargate.**

**Present:** Steve Waddington, AD Housing & Public Protection, CYC  
(Chair)  
Aubrey Smith, Supt NYP  
Pete Dwyer, Head of Children & Families, CYC  
Cllr Sandy Fraser, CYC  
Andrew Stephenson, NHS North Yorkshire & York  
Mike Ryan, York & North Yorkshire Probation Trust  
Gina Allen, Planning & Performance Support Officer, NYPA

**In Attendance:** Ian Cunningham, Senior Data Analyst, SYP  
Leigh Bell, Substance Misuse Commissioning Manager, DAAT  
Paul Murphy, AD Integrated Commissioning, CYC  
Ian Gillies, Safer & Stronger Communities Board  
Karen Robinson, Business Support Officer, DAAT  
Pam Tinker, Business Support Officer, SYP (minute taker)

**1. Apologies**

1.1 Apologies were received from Lisa Winward, Jane Mowat, Fiona Fitzpatrick, Pat Armstrong and Lesley Dale.

**2. Minutes of the Last Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

2.1 Minutes of the last meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011 were duly accepted as a true and accurate record..

**3. Matters Arising**

3.1 Members were unable to confirm as to whether a meeting of the Silver Group had taken place. The following action to be carried forward to the next meeting:

***Action: A Silver Group meeting is planned for 1<sup>st</sup> August and the outcome is to be brought back to the next Partnership Board.***

3.2 Leigh Bell advised that the timescale has slipped as she requires assistance from Public Health to enable her to carry out research to enable a report to be submitted as to the effects on services of removing the post of a Hospital Liaison Nurse. The Chair offered support to quicken up the process.

***Action: Leigh Bell to submit a timeline at the next Partnership Board of when the report can be made available.***

3.3 Andrew Stephenson explained that they are still awaiting a response from the NTA as to allocation of budgets.

***Action: Andrew Stephenson is to report back on allocation of budgets, once a response has been received from the NTA.***

- 3.4 Members were advised that in the interim Andrew Stephenson is to continue as the representative for the PCT.
- 3.5 The Board were advised that Sandra Chatters, Probation, has agreed to be involved in the procurement process due to commence in October.
- 3.6 A dialogue has taken place with NYFRS and CYC, including Cllr Tracey Simpson-Laing who has the portfolio for Health, Housing and Adult Social Services, for the referral system at Telecare to link with NYFRS and other key services, such as CAB.
- 3.7 No further feedback was received for the Hate Crime Research Report since the last Partnership Board.

***Agreed: that in the light of no further objections or comments the Board agreed to ratify the Hate Crime Research Report.***

- 3.8 Members were informed that Ian Hill has made contact with CYC licensing to investigate whether licence conditions have been breached in hotspot premises near to the river. The Press are to launch a high profile campaign on “Think don’t Swim”.
- 3.9 The following action is to be carried forward to the next meeting:

***Action: Jane Mowat is to identify some previous research as to what other cities are doing in connection with river incidents.***

#### **4. SYP – Performance Report**

- 4.1 Ian Cunningham reported that there have been large reductions in all types of crime. This is the lowest level in the last four years. There has, however, been a significant increase in the theft of scrap metal. This problem is countywide. NYP are targeting both scrap metal and second hand dealers however detection rates are low. The task groups are in the process of identifying proactive solutions.
- 4.2 Ian Gillies informed members that at the Safer and Stronger Communities Board scrap metal theft is recognised as a national issue. Recommendations include not paying dealers in cash and only dealing with registered dealers should assist in cutting off the supply chain.
- 4.3 Andrew Stephenson advised that the PCT have commissioned the mapping of sexual assault referral cases and it is hoped that this data will feed into this Performance Report.
- 4.4 Pete Dwyer requested members note the success of Making Safe and commended the project.
- 4.5 Ian Gillies requested that future reports include definitive data in relation to road traffic incidents.
- 4.6 The Chair raised concerns over the predicted rise in recorded ASB cases. Ian Cunningham said that there may be a possibility of changing the categories used by CYC. The recording categories used by NYP would be

more difficult to change. This is already a topic for discussion at the CYC Scrutiny Board.

***Action: The Scrutiny report is to be circulated to this group to inform them of the outcome of the discussion over recording of ASB cases.***

5. **SYP – Designated Drinking Order Extension (DPPO)**

5.1 Ian Cunningham summarised that at present 20 DPPOs have been implemented in York. In order to simplify policing and make enforcement easier SYP, through Nightsafe, have recommended that a single DPPO be introduced. A small working group has been convened to progress this issue. The report submitted to the Board requested members to consider the proposal and to approve the extension of 20 DPPOs to one single DPPO covering the area within the unitary authority boundary.

5.2 After some discussion members agreed that a decision could only be made on an evidence based proposal.

***Action: Jane Mowat is to bring back to the next meeting a proposal to include mapping evidence and data of the existing DPPOs, impact of designated drinking areas, dispersal profiles and letters of support.***

6. **SYP - Media Protocol**

6.1 Ian Cunningham informed members that the media protocol requires updating. In the past the partnership took the decision not to involve elected members in an effort to maintain political neutrality. Press releases were issued by SYP and depending whether involvement was either NYP or CYC then this would reflect as to which press office should be involved. Since May 2011 CYC protocol has requested that the elected member portfolio holders are quoted in all media releases relevant to their area of interest. As a result of this the media protocol would need to be revised to reflect this. Members were asked to consider:

- a) **All** press releases issued by SYP irrespective of whether they relate to activities which have involved City of York Council to be referred to the CYC Press Office to provide a quote from the Elected Member for Community Safety
- b) Only those press releases which relate to activities involving City of York Council to be referred to the CYC Press Office to provide a quote from the Elected Member for Community Safety.

6.2 Members agreed that the report needs to reflect the NYP Communications protocol and provide examples of when it is appropriate to include elected member input.

***Action: The Chair is to speak to Jane and request the report be updated to reflect the changes discussed and be re-submitted at the next Partnership Board.***

## **7. DAAT**

- 7.1 **Q1 Outcomes Report** Leigh Bell informed members that there are significant concerns as to successful completions of OCUs (opiate and crack user) and non OCUs as funding is awarded depending on rankings in the region. Currently non OCUs are ranking high whereas completions on OCUs needs to be improved.
- 7.2 **Structured Alcohol Treatment Information** Leigh Bell summarised the report. She said that the turnover of those in treatment is too long and there is a decline in people being seen due to GP intervention work. The report does not capture “binge drinking” as York has above average per 1,000 compared to other areas. There is a 40% to 50% success rate of those in treatment however many do default. There is a need to look at the commissioning process once clients are outside treatment.
- 7.3 **Drug Treatment Activity Data for Askham Grange Prison** This treatment now lies with York. To date IDTS information is not available to the DAAT however this information will be disaggregated as the commissioning process moves from the PCT to the DAAT. Out of 210 new receptions 46 of these entered into drug treatment. Alcohol issues are more prevalent in Askham Grange Prison than drug issues.
- 7.4 **Update of re-tender of Drug Treatment Services** Leigh reported that the project plan has been set and the timescale for re-commissioning. Questionnaires are to be sent out in mid October and contracts awarded in December.
- 7.5 **Buildings Update** Paul Murphy reported that to assist in the planning process the public consultation event took place at the Guildhall around the two options in Monkgate and Walmgate. A number of issues have been raised around both these properties and these will need to be resolved before going out to tender with the developers.

## **8. DAAT Implications of Transfer of Public Health**

- 8.1 The Chair reported that he has met with Sally Burns and Pete Dwyer to look at pulling together Public Health services. A pilot arrangement is planned between November to March to test and challenge. Formal arrangements are to be in place by 2013.

## **9. SYP Financial Statement**

- 9.1 The financial statement for month ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011 was duly noted.

## **10. Reducing re-offending – End of Term Report**

- 10.1 The report was noted for information.

## **11. Hiwecanhelp**

- 11.1 Karen Robinson advised that this website is a one stop shop for drug users and can be accessed by members of the public and all associated organisations. Staff are able to set up a login account which will provide them with additional information on intervention packs and referral documents. The

site is also linked to the SYP website. Karen requested that members both use and promote the site.

**12. AOB**

- 12.1 Ian Gillies advised that the introduction of the Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) has been put back to November 2012. Gina Allen informed members that a PCC event, which is to include the effects on CSPs, is to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> October at the Golden Lion in Northallerton.

**13. Date of Next Meeting:**

1pm – 4pm on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011 in Committee Room 1 at the Guildhall