

**Safer York Partnership/Drug Action Team
Partnership Board Meeting
1.00pm – 4.00pm Thursday, 6th December 2012
Committee Room 1 at 20 George Hudson Street**

Present: Lisa Winward, Supt, NYP (Chair)
Cllr Dafydd Williams, CYC
Sally Burns, Director of Communities and Neighbourhoods,
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
Cllr Paul Healey, CYC
Pam Tinker, Business Support Officer, SYP (minute taker)

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Steve Waddington, Pat Armstrong, Lesley Dale and Mike Ryan.

2. For Information Only

2.1 **SYP Performance Report** – noted.

2.2 **SYP Finance Report** – noted.

2.3 **Hate Crime Strategy** – is awaiting approval from Steve Waddington. Jane Mowat agreed to send out as soon as approval has been given.

3.1 Presentation on Domestic Violence

Jo Beilby, Domestic Violence Co-ordinator for York and Selby said that she has been in this post since 2004 whereby her remit was to engage with partners in the field of domestic violence. She said that since 2006 City of York Council have been in collaboration with the North Yorkshire and York Domestic Abuse Joint Co-ordinating Group and have been part of the Strategic Group. The NYYDAJCG monitors the CSPs performance in relation to Domestic Violence/Abuse and monitors performance against strategic priorities.

3.2 City of York has a Domestic Violence Forum with currently 76 members and links into the City of York Safeguarding Children's Board, Supporting People Core Strategy Group and Homelessness Forum. This Forum also updates the MARAC/Making Safe Countywide Group.

3.3 The Domestic Abuse Strategy for North Yorkshire and York 2009-2013 recognises that abuse has a devastating impact on victims and their families and tackling and reducing these instances of abuse remains a key priority. This Strategy sets out the framework by which partners will match the needs and aspirations of local communities, agreed priorities and desired outcomes

with the resources available. The outcomes of the Joint Commissioning Strategy will enable the continued delivery of current Strategy for 2009-2013. The document has already gone out to public consultation and been submitted at stakeholder events and is ready to be signed up, with the exception of the Adult Safeguarding Board. The refresh Strategy, due out after 2013 when the current one ends will be submitted to this Board and the CYC Cabinet for approval. New priorities for change that the Joint Commissioning Strategy is to facilitate includes:

- Safeguard Domestic Abuse Accommodation based services and specialist floating support services as much as possible.
- Recurrent mainstream funding will be made available to support service provision via a community budget model.
- Improve service pathways for Children and Young People affected by Domestic Abuse through enhancing existing provision.
- Safeguard the North Yorkshire & York Making Safe Scheme and improve the distribution of services based on evidenced need.

3.4 Jo explained that there are a number of projects underway.

- **MARAC's** - have a partnership approach which are now seen as best practice in York and are now an integral part, dealing with high risk cases of domestic abuse and links are made with Making Safe. It is likely that NYP will take on the governance of MARAC. At present MARAC employs two full time staff under the management of IDAS.
- **IDVA** – attend all MARACs and are the voice of the victim. At present York has one court based IDVA, however it is hoped that additional posts may be secured. The current funding runs out in 2014.
- **Making Safe** - a victim focussed initiative, whereby the perpetrator is removed and placed in temporary accommodation.
- **Handy Person Scheme** – is set up for victims of Domestic Violence who need prompt target hardening to their property.

3.5 Jo advised that SYP are providing funding to enable schools to deliver the missdorothy.com series which is a tool for delivering safety messages to children aged 7-11 years. A secondary equivalent is "Watch Over Me" which addresses issues of domestic violence.

3.6 Data has continued to be an issue with how it is collected from the Police. A further worker using both IDAS and MARAC statistics has been secured and this data reflects an increase trend. Jo advised that NYP are to add new datasets and these include harassment and stalking. It is intended that data may be split into operational and strategic needs.

3.7 The ambition of the White Ribbon Scheme, which is a recognition status, may be included into the Strategy however York need to have the MARAC and Making Safe status embedded before looking at any other schemes.

3.8 Jo highlighted to members that they have recently secured £7,500 from the CYC Risk and Resilience budget for work with Respect.

4. **Proposals for the use of SYP Reserves**

4.1 The matrix, with comments and decisions, is attached to the minutes.

5. **AOB**

5.1 The Chair announced that Ian Hill is to retire and will be standing down from the Board. She thanked Ian for his support. Ian informed members that the new representative to sit on the Board for NYFRS would be the new Group Manager, Dave Dryburgh.

6. **Date of Next Meeting:**

Provisionally 1pm on Thursday 7 February 2013 in Conference Room 1 at 20 George Hudson Street.