

**Safer York /DAAT Partnership Board
Minutes of the Meeting held at 1pm on 18th April 2013
Conference Room, Fulford Police HQ, Fulford Road, York**

Present: Supt Lisa Winward (Chair)
Dave Dryburgh, NYFRS
Mike Ryan, Probation
Martin Hawkings, Public Health, CYC

In attendance: Leigh Bell, DAAT
Jane Mowat, SYP
Cllr Paul Healey, CYC
Martin Weblin, Public Health, CYC

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Steve Waddington, Paul Edmondson-Jones, Pat Armstrong and Liz Butcher.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

2.1 The minutes of the last meeting, 7th February 2013, were accepted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 The Alcohol Pilot Scheme is an agenda item.

3.2 Mike Ryan reported that no further discussion had taken place over the "Through the Gate" project. It is the intention to create a post which will engage with female prisoners and assist them returning into the community. There is an absence of this post in York and this statutory support may become a statutory responsibility with Probation from January 2015. Funding for the Co-ordinator's post, estimated at £36k, has been requested from SYP reserves. The post will eventually be mainstreamed. Jane Mowat advised that discussion needs to take place with regards to a support mechanism for this post, particularly Housing, as presently these offenders do not meet "gold" status for obtaining accommodation.

Action: Lisa Winward is to organise a meeting to discuss further with Mike Ryan, Leigh Bell and Jane Mowat.

3.3 Jane advised that she had received no additional comments from members and confirmed that the Police and Crime Plan is now published as a living document.

Action: Lisa Winward is to circulate the document to members.

4. SYP Performance Report

- 4.1 Jane Mowat asked members to note the year end document in that crime has reduced overall. Business Crime still remains a priority as a result of recommendations made in the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment. Jane reported that ASB meetings have now been re-structured to one meeting and will re-focus on how ASB affects quality of life rather than just focussing on the crime side. A & E are now working closely with AVANTE and sharing information.
- 4.2 Jane advised that both the Data Analyst and NYP Intelligence Analyst are now looking at drilling down behind the crime figures with the intention of looking at patterns and root causes which allow early intervention. This should prevent crime escalating and therefore be cost effective. She said that the Domestic Violence Co-ordinator is now sharing information with PVP and they too are looking at utilising an early intervention project on medium risk cases.
- 4.3 Jane advised that both Cycle Theft and Acquisitive Crime meetings have been reduced to bi-monthly as crime in those areas have declined.
- 4.4 Jane confirmed that the Hate Crime Strategy was approved on 2nd April and offered to bring the action plans to this meeting.

Action: Jane Mowat is to circulate the Hate Crime strategy to members.

5. SYP Finance Report

- 5.1 Members noted the financial report for up to 31st March 2013. Jane Mowat advised a deficit of approximately £4k in the operational budget for 2012/13 which was largely due to a change in work practices due to the flooding at Clifford Street in September, in addition to the purchase of a number of IT licences.
- 5.2 Jane advised that income received in the past from other sources is no longer available and this knock on effect has resulted in a shortfall of £60k in the operational budget for 2013/14. Jane reported that she has been asked to review the team to address the shortfall in salaries. She said they are still awaiting confirmation of a funding allocation from the PCC.

- 5.3 The Chair reported that the York and North Yorkshire Forum are looking at a phased approach for the CSPs. Phase one would include all county CSPs would merge into one by October 2013 and in phase two the York CSP would become part of the County CSP, delivering the needs of the community. Jane said that, with no funding available, York needs to re-align its way of working and look at preventative rather than reactive working. She said that, at present, there are no processes for bidding available which has caused some concerns around renewals of contracts. In addition, no monies have been ring fenced by the PCC, as originally £400k was allocated for all CSPs in York and North Yorkshire.

Action: Lisa Winward and Jane Mowat are to meet to discuss a way forward with regards to clarification of funding for:

- a) The shortfall of operational income for posts for 2013/14***
b) Look at engaging with the PCC requesting clarification of the intention of funding resources for projects.

6. Tackling Retail Crime

- 6.1 Jane Mowat briefly summarised the paper circulated to members. She said that a number of concerns have been raised during 2011-12 about the falling number of RACY members, the quality of both the radio system and offender packs to retailers. In addition to this the Chair of RACY resigned in July 2012, the Treasurer declared an intent to stand down and the City Centre Manager's post was deleted.
- 6.2 Jane reported that consultation with RACY members was carried out through a survey. The survey indicated a lack of interest amongst members to continue with the RACY Steering Group and as a result the group was disbanded. It was agreed, prior to the Steering Group being disbanded, that SYP would explore opportunities to deliver support to the retail community and would take on the responsibility of the invoicing process for RACY. To date, invoices issued in January 2013 have generated £15,627. There is also some income generation of approximately £9,000 from commission received from Sitelink for the provision of radios to members. The salary cost for the post is currently £22,066 per annum. It is unlikely, that with the decline in membership, then no service within CYC will be able to cover the shortfall in income required to meet the salary commitment to this post.
- 6.3 Jane said that since RACY was set up policing has changed to include dedicated geographical teams who engage and provide support with the community and businesses. Jane concluded that it is no longer effective to continue with the post and asked members to consider the two options recommended in the paper.

Agreed: to approve option two in the paper which is to acknowledge the outcome of the RACY survey and subsequent review of support to the retail community and agree that services required by retailers could be provided through the mainstreamed capacity within SNTs and SYP.

Action: Jane Mowat is to pass on this approved option to Cllr Dafydd Williams to take forward.

7. DAAT Update

- 7.1 Leigh Bell advised that the Pool Treatment budget has now gone. The PCC has taken over the funding of DIP which is ring fenced. The DAAT is now under the responsibility of Public Health and DAAT funding has now changed and is to be scrutinised by the Health and Well Being Board. Leigh advised that this Board now needs to consider its function in respect of the DAAT as there is no longer a mandate to have a DAAT Board. One option is to dissolve the responsibility of this Board to the DAAT but to request a Public Health representative report back.

Action: Martin Hawkings is to request Paul Edmondson-Jones provide clarification at the next meeting on future responsibilities of this Board to the DAAT.

- 7.2 Leigh reported that the DAAT has now moved into West Offices and are sitting with Sports and Active Leisure under the Directorate of Public Health. She confirmed that the Recovery Champions work plan is going through the consultation process which is to be completed by 13th May. It is intended that the document be available by June.

8. DAAT Performance

- 8.1 Leigh Bell stated that the report on successful completion of drug treatment affects funding. She asked members to note York is performing better within the cluster for non opiate completions, holding 9th place out of 23 DATs. Leigh advised that the historic provider ethos in York of methadone treatment has changed to a preferred no dependency treatment adopted by the new providers. The Cyrenians have seen their first success story of a long term dependent on methadone being transferred to a no dependency treatment.
- 8.2 Leigh asked members to note that the paper on Prevalence Estimates and Treatment Engagement Rates for Opiate Users indicates where York is in terms of per head of population. She summarised that York

has a lower prevalence rate for opiate users but a higher rate for injectors compared with regional and national averages.

9. **Alcohol Arrest Referral Pilot**

- 9.1 Martin Weblin referred to the paper circulated to Board members. He summarised that following discussion with the Police it is proposed to develop an alcohol referral pilot in York targeting those with sufficient previous offending that would allow a reduction in offending to be measured. Previous offending would include warnings, cautions, penalties or fines. Martin said that support has been given by partners including the PCC. It is the intention to follow a control group and using both Police and A & E data to provide some evaluation. Should the pilot scheme be successful it is the intention to identify a substance misuse worker to co-ordinate and deliver the programme at an estimated cost of £38,200.

Action: Martin Weblin to bring back to this Board for the October meeting any formal outcomes and evaluations of the Alcohol Arrest Referral Pilot.

10. **AOB**

- 10.1 Leigh Bell advised that as there are to be different governance arrangements for the DAAT under Public Health England then there may be a change in the regional representative which is at present Liz Butcher.

- 10.2 Jane Mowat informed members that there are concerns around Domestic Homicide Reviews and the decision to pool this money and handover the responsibility to the PCC. There are further concerns that this Forum is not independent and does not have a statutory obligation. York initially agreed not to commit any funding and be prepared to take the risk of there being no likelihood of a domestic homicide in York. However should the need arise then York would pay for its own services. The Chair of the CSP would consult with the Safeguarding Boards and take on the responsibility of convening a Homicide Review. Members agreed that there is a need for the Adult and Children's Safeguarding Board to review and take this forward.

Action: Lisa Winward is to contact Simon Mason, Head of Crime, and seek clarification on York's position in respect of a Domestic Homicide Review.

11. **Date of Next Meetings:**

6 June

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8 August
3 October
5 December

All meetings to commence at 1pm and to be held in the Goodricke Room, Level 3 at West Offices.

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