

**Safer Rotherham Partnership (SRP)
Board Meeting
Thursday 22 January 2015 at 1.30pm
Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Rotherham**

Present

Cllr Maggie Godfrey (Chair)	- RMBC Cabinet Member Safe & Attractive Neighbourhoods
Cllr Alan Atkin	- South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority
Carol Adamson	- RMBC Community Safety/Anti-Social Behaviour Unit
Helena Bland (Minutes)	- RMBC Community Safety/Anti-Social Behaviour Unit
Tony Carlin	- South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service
Yvonne Cherry	- Victim Support Rotherham
Malc Chiddey	- RMBC Public Health
Maureen Evans	- RMBC Children & Young People Service
Ch Supt Jason Harwin	- South Yorkshire Police
Cherryl Henry-Leach	- RMBC Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator
Shafiq Hussain	- Voluntary Action Rotherham
Greg Long	- Rotherham Magistrates Court
Linda Mayhew	- South Yorkshire Criminal Justice Board
Catherine McCullum	- Victim Support Rotherham
Steve Parry	- RMBC Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour Unit
Dave Richmond	- RMBC Housing & Neighbourhood Service

Apologies

Karl Battersby	- RMBC Environment & Development Service
Sarah Mainwaring	- South Yorkshire Probation Service
Maryke Turvey	- South Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Company
Cheryl Wynn	- Office of Police Crime Commissioner

1. Introductions and Apologies

Introductions were made around the table and apologies were accepted as detailed above

Greg Long is the new Rotherham Magistrates Court representative replacing Diana Clark and Maureen Evens is the interim Director of Universal & Targeted Services, Children & Young People's Service replacing Dorothy Smith

2. Members Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made

3. Minutes of the SRP Board meeting held on 19 November 2014

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the SRP Board Meeting held 19 November 2014

Agenda Item 4 – Matters Arising from the minutes of the SRP Board meeting held 24 April 2014 - Matters Arising from the minutes of the SRP Board meeting held 30 January 2014 - Matters Arising from the minutes of the SRP Board meeting held 08 August 2013 - Matters Arising from the minutes of the SRP Board meeting held 25 April 2013 – Agenda Item 5 – Integrated Service

Presentation – Christine Brodhurst-Brown confirmed that a SYF&R representative had been invited to attend/sit on the Multi-Agency Project Group

Agenda item 5 – Performance – circulate a copy of Most Similar Crime Group document – document sent out with SRP Minutes 19 November 2014

Agenda item 6 – Commissioning and Funding – please refer to Agenda item 6 of today's Minutes

Agenda item 7 – Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) – roles and responsibilities of SRP Board and Safeguarding Board re CSE – consideration was given by Ch Supt Jason Harwin that he had discussed this matter with the chair of the Children's Safeguarding Board and that the agreed protocol between the two bodies is appropriate. The primary body with responsibility for overseeing CSE is the Children's Safeguarding Board with the SRP Board receiving reports for information and to allow feedback to the Children's safeguarding Board on any issues it wishes to raise

Agenda item 7 – CSE – look at what practice is being carried out/put in place by other Police counter parts - other Police counter parts were contacted re structures/Governance in their areas & these are similar to ours

Cllr Alan Atkin informed the meeting that South Yorkshire Fire Authority is commissioning a second round of Safer Stronger Communities Funding bids. As part of the planning and publicity for Round 2 of the fund, stakeholder events are scheduled to take place for each of the 4 Districts. For Rotherham this will be Thursday 05 March 2015, 10am – 12pm (with a networking lunch) at the Carlton Park Hotel, Rotherham – for further details please contact Rhona Bywater by email - RBywater@syjs.gov.uk

4. Performance Management

- **Performance 2013/14**

A copy of Rotherham's Community Safety Partnership Position against its peers was circulated to group members prior to the meeting

Ch Supt Jason Harwin updated the meeting on how the partnership is performing against key crime and disorder indicators including comparison with its most similar group of Community Safety Partnerships

Agreed: That the information is noted

5. Draft Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (JSIA) 2014

A copy of the JSIA 2014 had been circulated to group members prior to the meeting

Ch Supt Jason Harwin presented the JSIA document to the Board: this had been previously sent out to partners for consultation

The document contained the following 5 recommendations:

- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) to continue as an SRP priority
- Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Harassment, Honour Based Abuse and Forced Marriage to continue as an SRP priority
- Anti-Social Behaviour and Criminal Damage to continue as an SRP priority
- Serious Acquisitive Crime (SAC) to continue as an SRP priority

- Ensure that the cross cutting themes are included in the priority groups' core membership and action plans where necessary

The 4 SRP priorities remained unchanged and were in line with the Police and Crime Commissioners 3 year Crime and Policing plan set for 2014/17

Ch Supt Jason Harwin pointed out there was a gap in confidence, trust and satisfaction and that this should also be included as a priority

The Your Voice Counts Survey (designed to collect perception data from the public) is produced by the SY Police once every three months. It was expressed that feedback on the context of the findings would be of value to the Board

An issue was raised re some wording within the JSIA document; Ch Supt Jason Harwin agreed to address this

Agreed: 1) That the information is noted

2) That the SRP Priorities for 2014/17 are those recommended

3) That confidence, trust and satisfaction be an SRP recommendation/priority

4) Steve Parry to meet with Maureen Evan to look at how CYPS fit into current structures

5) David Wilson gives an overview of the Your Voice Counts Survey and the contribution from other services

7. Commissioning & Funding

A copy of the SRP Funding Overview 2014/15 was circulated to group members on behalf of Steve Parry

There was approximately £2,000 remaining in Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Community Safety Fund; it is anticipated the money will be utilised by March 2015. An evaluation of projects will be carried out on those projects that have been allocated funding

There was still no indication from the PCC to what funding will be available for 2015/16 but it is likely to be reduced

Action: Steve Parry to provide a full evaluation of SRP Funded projects 2014/15 for the next SRP Board meeting (16.04.15)

Agreed: That the information is noted

8. Vulnerable Adults Risk Management Framework (VARM)/Vulnerable Persons Unit (VPU) Terms of Reference

Prior to the meeting, this item was withdrawn from the Agenda due to ongoing work

9. Domestic Abuse Priority Group (DAPG) Update

Cherryl Henry-Leach had been invited to today's meeting to give an overview on work that has been undertaken by the DAPG and work it plans to undertake in the future:

- Scrutiny of the DA service had taken place in March 2014 and had led to a number of recommendations which have been adopted
- April saw the launch of the Young Person Advocacy Program; this is a National Lead re awareness around Young People around relationships which has strengthened links with the Youth Offending Service and other services that support 16 – 18 year olds who are experiencing abuse within their intimate relationships. This has seen an increase of

referrals for this age group to the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and these have been support by the Young Persons Advocate who sits within the Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) Service

- A workshop had taken place from specific reports from the Roma Community. A mapping exercise of responses from this event has been aligned with the development of the DA hub and DAPG plan to review this work in in March 2015
- A strategic needs analysis has been undertaken DA now features on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)
- In light of the Scrutiny review, a level of transformation of service delivery has been undertaken and led to the DA hub that currently sits within the Children and Young People Multi Agency Service Hub (MASH). This has enhanced information sharing and early intervention
- Following recommendations made by the Star Chamber we are working with colleagues within RMBC Supporting People to establish how savings can be achieved through our DA commissioning process
- Last year in Rotherham there had been 3 Domestic Homicide (DH), and we concluded 3 reviews. These were very challenging with 1 involving a number of agencies and have led to an intensive review of our MARAC and this should be completed in March 2015; the findings will then be moved forward in the coming year. One also identified that routine enquiry around DA and risk assessment is not as embedded as previously thought and this has been addressed by the agencies concerned, supported by increased training availability, including single agency training where appropriate. Following these reviews, we are now able to progress the development of a local multi agency DH Review protocol which will reflect current responses and link to other protocols
- Rotherham achieved white ribbon status in November and is an excellent way for men to give a clear message that DA is not acceptable
- The DA Strategy is now completed and we are about to launch this on the SRP website
- Recruitment of (IDVAs) is currently taking place and this will enhance service capacity in line with referral rates to the service
- Undertaking a local review of National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidelines through Public Health and this will map current performance against these best practice standards as prescribed at a National Level
- Unsuccessful in securing European Union funding for Daphne stream and we are now looking at how we manage our perpetrators. South Yorkshire Police have led on a perpetrator management scheme which has showed excellent results – low recidivism rates for serial DA perpetrators who have been targeted in this scheme and given priority access to services that can support them in addressing their offending behaviour
- Nationally, there has been much activity in relation to the national Ending Violence against Women and Girls agenda. Rotherham has met the challenges extremely well and adopted the new initiatives including the DA Disclosure Scheme, criminalisation of forced marriage and Female Genital Mutilation. We anticipate that future work to be adopted locally will be linked to DA risk escalation, so called “Honour” Based Violence and stalking, which all sit under the DAPG umbrella. DAPG is already looking at how we can increase reporting in relation to these issues
- The Care Act is now effective and Rotherham is ahead of partners in South Yorkshire in terms of how we recognise DA as a safeguarding issue

Comments were invited from the group members

Ch Supt Jason Harwin asked if there was any fire analysis linked to Domestic Abuse. Tony Carlin said the Fire Service were unaware of any related issues other than providing fire safety advice and target hardening

Agreed: 1) That the information is noted

2) South Yorkshire Police and South Yorkshire Fire to discuss outside the meeting re the possibility of a funding bid for DA initiatives via South Yorkshire Fire Authority Community Fund

10. Child Sexual Exploitation Update (CSE) Update

Ch Supt Jason Harwin said that Children's Improvement Board is now established and their first meeting had taken place (12 January 2015). A draft improvement is out for consultation

A dedicated telephone helpline (0800 731 9256) for CSE victims and survivors has been commissioned for Rotherham and is being run by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC). There is no information on the amount calls received

It was also noted that Early Intervention work around Young People and the grooming cycle is progressing across partners and schools to raise awareness. South Yorkshire Police communications are advising schools of current CSE issues and developing a strategy to cover a number of subjects

Maureen Evans highlighted that a model used by Derbyshire Council for raising awareness in schools could be of benefit to SRP. She said that it would be helpful if the SRP could send a letter to schools to assist this process

Action: Maureen Evans to send a draft letter to Ch Supt Jason Harwin for consideration and action

Agreed: That the information is noted

11. Minutes/Action Schedule from the SRP Executive Group Meeting held on 26 November 2014

For the information of group members, the SRP Executive Group Minutes/Action Schedule were circulated prior to the meeting; there were no matters arising

Agreed: That the information is noted

12. Minutes/Action Schedule from the YOS Management Board Meeting held on 26 November 2014

For the information of group members, the DAAT Minutes/Action Schedule were circulated prior to the meeting; there were no matters arising

Agreed: That the information is noted

13. Children & Young Peoples Service

Maureen Evans reported that the shaping of the Early Help Services was progressing and Multi Agency Teams combining Children's Centres, Health Visiting, Family Support, Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS), Police, Children and Adult Mental Health Service (CAMHS) and VCI Services will be colocated in communities; these teams will be linked into schools. This model of shaping Early Help services has proven successful in other authorities and principles are being introduced in Rotherham. We are now consulting with all stakeholders to ensure the arrangements meet the needs Children and Families across the Borough

Agreed: 1) That the information is noted

2) An overview presentation on Children and Families Early Help Services and locality partnership arrangements to be given at the next SRP Board meeting (16.04.15)

14. Offender Management/DIP

Malc Chiddey informed the meeting that the Drug Intervention Program (DIP) had been commissioned to stay in Rotherham for the next 12 months. Work is taking place with the Police in Sheffield re the new custody suite

Agreed: That the information is noted

15. Any Other Business

There were no other items of business for discussion

16. Future Meetings

SRP Exec: Wednesday 25 February 2015 at 2.00pm at RMBC Riverside House

Wednesday 25 March 2015 at 2.00pm at RMBC Riverside House

SRP Board: Wednesday 16 April 2015 at 10.00am in Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Rotherham