

Briefing for Police and Crime Commissioner

Topic: Community Safety Partnerships

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Purpose of briefing

To brief the PCC on the role of the office within the local community safety partnerships and current commitments to support priority areas of work.

Background

The Crime and Disorder **Act** 1998 gave local authorities and police services duties to work together to develop crime and disorder assessments, implement reduction strategies and to work in partnership with other agencies as a **Community Safety Partnership**. CSPs are required to share their partnership plans and community safety agreements with the PCC and the PCC has the power to call together representatives of these authorities across their police area to attend a meeting.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/117509/community-safety-partnerships.pdf

The OPCVC has a dedicated stream of funding to support community safety which to date has included a contribution to Durham LA for ASB officers, development of a community peer mentor scheme, support for intervention workers in Darlington and restorative interventions to manage neighbourhood disputes.

Links to both community safety plans are attached below however both are in the process of being renewed and should be published shortly.

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/3881/Safe-Durham-Partnership>

https://www.darlington.gov.uk/media/3724/cdp_one_darlington_perfectly_safe_2015-2020.pdf

Current issues

ASB covers a wide range of unacceptable activity that causes harm to an individual, to their community or to their environment. Local concern about anti-social behaviour remains high in many parts of Durham and Darlington. There are a range of powers and options available to the force and partner organisations to tackle ASB and there is close joint working between officers from the different organisations at neighbourhood level. Problem solving is a methodology delivered within the Neighbourhood policing teams to tackle repeat calls for service. Management of ASB is a central issue for both Community Safety Partnerships and work streams are confirmed at these boards.

At the present time commitment has been given to supporting the development of a place-based approach in the Horden area of Durham. This sits alongside the 'Making Every Adult Matter' (MEAM) approach which provides a framework on which to strengthen existing partnership arrangements as well as facilitate system change and promote the co-production of future services. The work supports the County Durham Together initiative which will provide a new way of working with our communities towards achieving the County Durham Vision 2035. Working with individuals and communities to identify emerging issues is a key part of a problem-solving approach and partners will develop this further by introducing community-based interventions through co-production.

Darlington Community Safety Partnership has recently reviewed its over-arching plan where one of the key priorities identified is promoting safer places by tackling ASB. A workplan supporting this and the other three objectives will be provided to the partnership.

Decisions needed

The current funding provided to Durham is in support of a pilot which it is envisaged will review the way services are delivered in the local community and will lead to an evidence base from which to develop further funding levels going forward into 2022.

Partnership involvement

The CSP brings together five 'responsible authorities' the Council, the Police, Clinical Commissioning Group (Health), Probation and Fire and Rescue to meet a legal duty to tackle crime, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse, environmental crime and reoffending. In addition, there are a number of additional partners who contribute to the partnership including the OPCVC.

Police involvement

See above. Tackling ASB is a key element of the work of Neighbourhood Policing teams.

People to meet

Chief Superintendent Adrian Green is the force lead for Anti-Social Behaviour and chairs the Darlington Community Safety Partnership. Keith Wanley, Chief Fire Officer chairs the safe Durham Partnership.

<https://www.durham-pcc.gov.uk/victims-services/restorative-justice-hub>

<https://www.durhamlocate.org.uk/Services/4887/Community-Peer-Mento>