



## NOTTINGHAM CRIME & DRUGS PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING

MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019, 2-5 PM

LEARNING ZONE, BYRON HOUSE

**Chair:** Councillor David Mellen, Leader of Nottingham City Council

**Attendees:**

**PT** Paddy Tipping, Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner  
**LA** Councillor Leslie Ayoola, Nottingham City Council  
**AE** Andrew Errington, Director of Community Protection, Nottingham City Council  
**SC** Steve Cooper, Assistant Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire Police  
**SF** Sarah Fleming, Greater Nottingham Clinical Commissioning Group  
**CB** Candida Brudenell, Corporate Director and Assistant Chief Executive, Nottingham City Council  
**AC** Alison Challenger, Director of Public Health, Nottingham City Council  
**TM** Tamsin Marley, National Probation Service  
**JW** Jon Webb, DLNR Community Rehabilitation Company  
**MH** Mat Healey, Area Commander, Nottinghamshire Police (Supt.)  
**TS** Tim Spink, Head of Service, Nottingham Crime & Drugs Partnership  
**ACC** Alex Castle-Clarke, Senior Community Safety Manager, Nottingham City Council  
**PB** Phil Broxholme, Performance & Intelligence Manager, Nottingham Crime & Drugs Partnership

**Contributors:**

**DW** David Wakelin, Director, Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Unit  
**IB** Ian Bentley, Strategy and Commissioning Manager (Offender Management)  
**JL** Jane Lewis, Community Safety Strategy Manager, Nottingham City Council  
**ZA** Zaimal Azad, Hate Crime Project Officer, Nottingham City Council

**Apologies:**

**NM** Nick Murphy, Chief Executive, Nottingham City Homes  
**NH** Nigel Hill, Director, Head of Nottinghamshire, National Probation Service  
**CP** Craig Parkin (Vice Chair), Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service  
**BB** Bob Bearne, Assistant Chief Executive, DLNR Community Rehabilitation Company  
**CW** Ceri Walters, Head of Commercial Finance, Nottingham City Council

## **1.0 Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

1.1 Introductions were given and apologies were noted. No interests were declared.

## **2.0 Previous Minutes of the Board from 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

2.1 The minutes of the CDP Board meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were accepted as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

## **3.0 Matters Arising**

3.1 There were no outstanding matters arising that were not accommodated in the agenda.

## **4.0 Overview Report from the Executive Group**

4.1 AE introduced the connecting report from the Partnership Executive Group outlining the work being managed by that group on behalf of the Board.

4.2 The Executive Group has received updates from Partnership Tasking which now represents a stable process. Further refinements and improvements to the system have been made including the introduction of a 'Risky Premises' component.

4.3 The Executive Group has overseen the conclusion of the confirmation and establishment of the strategic anti-social behaviour (ASB) measure which will be used to manage and monitor the strategic target. Calls to the police non-emergency number will be retained as a primary measure alongside the annual findings of the Respect Survey of crime and ASB.

4.4 AE noted the considerable work that has been undertaken with regards to serious youth violence which has been reported to the Executive Group. The Nottingham Hate Incidents Performance Panel (NHIPP) has been revised and will reconvene with enhanced performance management structures. The group also received updates on other matters including the work of the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP).

4.5 PT welcomed the opportunity to contribute to the work of the ICP and expressed his hope that local policing leads will be able to engage with its work, especially so as to ensure coterminosity of partners' geographic boundaries. AC informed the Board that the matter of ICP boundaries was being worked on. SF further explained that the ICP in its early phases has focused on operational matters but will soon widen its scope to engage more partners.

THE BOARD NOTED THE CONTENTS OF THE REPORT.

## **5.0 Performance Report against CDP Partnership Plan**

- 5.1 PB presented the Partnership Performance report detailing the current position against the agreed measures for the priorities within the Partnership Plan. The presentation highlighted that victim-based crime had fallen, with the volume in August 2019 being 9.2% lower than the equivalent month in 2018.
- 5.2 Improvements were noted across a range of offence types that are priorities for the partnership. This was referenced as being particularly noticeable in relation to acquisitive crime (residential burglary, personal robbery and vehicle theft) and knife crime. Night Time Economy violence was noted to have increased by 4.4% against the baseline (70 offences). This was driven by disproportionately high offence volumes in April and May 2019. Volumes across the summer returned to levels comparable to that seen in previous years.
- 5.3 The rolling 12-month volume of police recorded ASB incidents had increased slightly in August; however the overall trend was noted as stable with little change over the past year.
- 5.4 In August the rolling 12-month volume of repeat victims of hate crime decreased for the third consecutive month. However, the proportion of all victims that are repeats remains unchanged from the 2018/19 baseline.
- 5.5 The rate of successful completions from substance misuse treatment increased slightly against the 2018/19 baseline; however, the overall trend was stable. Knife crime has maintained its declining trend.
- 5.6 The Chair expressed his concern that some people carry knives due to fear and that any positive news which describes a reduction in offending should be communicated effectively to reduce those fears.
- 5.7 PT commended the positive recent work by the Force in support of the national anti-knife crime operation, Operation SCEPTRE.
- 5.8 IB informed the Board that with regards to the substance misuse performance that the number of opiate users is increasing and that the services describe these as new to treatment not those returning following previous recovery. The services also report increasing purity levels in the supply of both heroin and crack cocaine, these trends may impact on acquisitive crime rates in future. The Chair asked IB to describe the response to the changes with IB suggested was complicated by limited resources and the voluntary presentation of clients to the community treatment provider.
- 5.9 The Chair asked if there was an understanding of trends within overall Hate Crime, especially with regards to transgender and sexual orientation victimisation. It was agreed that a deep dive into Hate Crime would be undertaken and presented to the next meeting of the Partnership Board.

**Action: PB to undertake a deep dive into Hate Crime for presentation to the next meeting of the Board.**

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## **6.0 Strategic Assessment 2019**

- 6.1 ACC updated the Board as to the progress made by the CDP Team in the development of the annual Partnership Strategic Assessment. It is a statutory obligation of the Board to commission and receive an annual assessment.

## **7.0 Knife Crime**

- 7.1 ACC informed the Board as to the progress made by the CDP Team in the development of the Knife Crime chapter of the Health & Wellbeing Board's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). Once complete the JSNA chapter will represent a useful resource to partners managing the knife crime agenda.
- 7.2 DW introduced the work of the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) to the Board. The VRU has been formed using funds allocated to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner by the Home Office. DW described the public health approach that the VRU intends to take towards serious violence. The approach is based on good practice identified elsewhere, especially Glasgow.
- 7.3 The VRU will cover both the city and county areas and has funding allocated to it until March 2020. It is hoped that further funds will be disbursed by central government should the approach prove to be successful. DW expressed his thanks to the Director of Public Health for her support in the establishment of the VRU as well as noting the considerable activity already underway in the city which will support the development of the agenda.
- 7.4 The VRU has used some funding to establish its central team but DW emphasised the intention of the VRU Board to ensure that the majority of the funding available to be disbursed to front-line delivery.
- 7.5 The VRU is required to produce three mandatory products, a strategic needs assessment, a strategy and a delivery plan. Every effort shall be made to coordinate these with existing activity to ensure duplication is avoided and value is added to existing products and processes.
- 7.6 The VRU is overseen by a board chaired by the Police and Crime Commissioner; the board will be supported by the Stakeholder Reference Group. Consideration has been given to neighbouring governance arrangements which are described in the governance structure diagram for the VRU. The VRU Board has been composed in consideration of the mandatory signatories of the Home Office funding agreement and initial bid.

- 7.7 A VRU team has been established headed by DW as the Director with other staff having been recruited or seconded from Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council. The analytical staff recruited to the unit will produce the JSNA which is a mandatory output for the unit.
- 7.8 DW went on to describe a number of projects undertaken elsewhere in the country which have been identified as best practice and will help to inform the approach locally. The Chair thanked DW for his overview of the form and function of the VRU.
- 7.9 PT reminded the Board of the short term nature of the funding and that the issue of sustainability was under active consideration by his office and central government. Future funding will be considered alongside the additional 'surge' funding which the Home Office has made available to police forces to tackle knife crime which may also be extended.
- 7.10 AE reminded members that much of Nottingham's approach to community safety over the last decade has been based on the Chicago or public health approach and that the management of places and spaces remains an important component of maintaining safe communities. AC commended existing approaches in the city and confirmed to the Board that it was still her intention to bring forward a vision as had been requested by ACC Kate Meynell. CB emphasised the importance of Early Intervention approaches and welcomed the confirmation by DW that this thinking is incorporated in the VRU's approach.
- 7.11 The Chair expressed the importance of sustainability for the agenda, especially in consideration of the need to take a long-term approach to the issues presented.

## **8.0 Reducing Reoffending**

- 8.1 JW presented the report of the Reducing Reoffending Governance Group (RRGG) which details the matters that have been considered in that forum since the last meeting of the Partnership Board. Key areas of activity have focused on the management of female offenders using an Integrated Offender Management (IOM) type approach.
- 8.2 JW also updated the Board on the work of the additional posts funded within the IOM team to manage non-statutory adult knife offenders. The RRGG had considered the relationship between this activity and the newly established VRU. The Board agreed that consideration should be given to the interaction between these two programmes of work but that formal governance of the non-statutory adult knife crime offenders IOM intervention should remain with the Partnership Board.
- 8.3 JL introduced the paper on the work and current status of IOM Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVAs). The paper described the findings of the review of the provision which found it to be highly effective. JL described the risk to service continuity arising from lack of certainty regarding its funding which is provided by the OPCC. The Board agreed to consider this risk to service continuity.

THE BOARD NOTED THE CONTENTS OF THE REPORTS.

## **9.0 Domestic Homicide Reviews**

- 9.1 JL presented the overview of current and historic Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) in the city. The commission and oversight of DHRs is one of the statutory responsibilities of Community Safety Partnerships and received updates on the most recent cases and the decision proceed with referrals from Nottinghamshire Police or otherwise.
- 9.2 The Board agreed to acknowledge the reasons for the delay in completion of DHRs CHAPEAU and LOAM which followed from other attendant statutory and judicial processes. The Board also agreed to acknowledge the decision of the Chair not to proceed with the case of HANOVER as a DHR.

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THE BOARD AGREED TO NOTE THE DECISION MAKING OF THE CHAIR AND THE REASONS FOR REVISED TIMESCALES FOR THE COMPLETION OF DHRs CHAPEAU AND LOAM

## **10.0 Hate Crime Awareness Week**

- 10.1 ZA introduced the paper detailing the activity due to take place as part of the National Hate Crime Awareness Week which is being strongly supported in Nottingham as part of a range of activity funded by the Home Office. The aim of the week is to raise awareness of all types of Hate Crime and to encourage survivors to come forwards for support.
- 10.2 The activity for 2019 builds on the learning gleaned from the 2018 campaign which used the 'no place for hate' branding. The activity of this year is intended to emphasise the commonality between individuals and communities with a message of having 'more in common'.
- 10.3 The Board welcomed the update from ZA as a contribution to its priority to tackle Hate Crime and members who were available agreed to attend the Hate Crime Awareness Week launch event at Nottingham Council House on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

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## **11.0 Vulnerabilities & Commodities Group**

- 11.1 MH introduced his paper, as chair of the Vulnerabilities & Commodities Group (VCG) outlining the priorities and work of the recently established group. The VCG has been established as a successor of the Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) Board in the

city which was disestablished and replaced with the VCG following a review previously presented to the Board.

- 11.2 The VCG is currently overseeing priority areas of work including: drug and alcohol misuse (with a particular emphasis on production and supply), Modern Slavery, Cyber Crime, the use of civil tools to tackle serious offending, the wider community safety approach to CSE and considering the impact on communities of the above.
- 11.3 The VCG has commissioned and received an analytical profile of Cyber Crime and established a link to the national Project Fortis which is a cross-government approach to tackling Cyber Crime. The Board welcomed the update from MH

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## **12.0 Substance Misuse Update**

- 12.1 IB was called away from the meeting to attend to an urgent matter and AC introduced his paper on his behalf. AC advised the Board of Nottingham's comparatively low drug related death rate compared to the rest of the country and that the local service provision is considered to be of high quality.
- 12.2 The Board heard of the difficulties of managing the performance of the substance misuse system in the context of a limited financial envelope. AC informed the Board that specialist needle exchange provision was now back in place in the city centre following the withdrawal of Boots the Chemist from this provision earlier in the year. AC confirmed to the Board that work to sustain the needle exchange provision was underway and that stakeholders, including its neighbours in the Hockley area have been actively engaged.
- 12.3 PT endorsed the current Broad Street location of the specialist needle exchange as being highly effective whilst the Chair expressed the need of maintaining an understanding of the wider needs of the area. The Chair noted the impact of the wider issue of begging which AE committed to brief him on the work of the Street Offences Tasking group which he chairs.

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## **13.0 Board Development Session**

- 13.1 TS presented a paper describing the planned Board Development Session due to be held at Loxley House on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 further to the request of the Chair. Members were invited to forward any matters they would like to see covered in the session to the secretariat. The Partnership Executive Group had also been presented with this opportunity at their most recent meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

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#### **14.0 Finance**

- 14.1 TS presented the finance report as CW had tendered her apologies. The report describes to Board members the various funding streams and grants that support some of the Partnership's activities. The report also updated on the attendance by the now Chair with TS and ACC at the OPCC Chairs of Strategic Partnerships meeting in July 2019 which satisfied the oversight processes of the OPCC with regards to the funding the OPCC disburses to the Partnership.

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#### **15.0 Any Other Business**

- 16.1 There were no other items of business for discussion.

#### **16.0 Date of next meeting**

- 16.1 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019 1400 – 1700hrs.