



NOTTINGHAM CRIME & DRUGS PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING

MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2020, 2-4.30PM

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Chair:	Councillor David Mellen, Leader of Nottingham City Council
Chair:	Vernon Coaker, Independent Chair of the CDP Board
Attendees:	
NK	Councillor Neghat Khan, Portfolio Holder for Employment and Community Protection, Nottingham City Council
AE	Andrew Errington, Strategic Director of Community Protection and Energy Services, Nottingham City Council
ACC	Alex Castle-Clarke, Acting Head of Community Safety, Nottingham City Council
PB	Phil Broxholme, Senior Community Safety Manager, Nottingham Crime & Drugs Partnership
ML	Mary Lester, Head of Community Partnerships, Nottingham City Council
AG	Amy Goulden, Community Relations Manager, Nottingham City Council
AC	Alison Cain, Partnership Support Manager, Nottingham Crime & Drugs Partnership
NM	Nick Murphy, Chief Executive, Nottingham City Homes
PT	Paddy Tipping, Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner
SC	Steve Cooper, Assistant Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire Police
MH	Mat Healey, Area Commander, Nottinghamshire Police (Supt.)
DW	David Wakelin, Director, Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Unit
SJ	Saika Jabeen, Interim Head of Nottinghamshire LDU, National Probation Service
JW	Jon Webb, Head of Service – Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire, DLNR CRC
HB	Hazel Buchanan, Director of Strategy and Partnerships, Greater Nottingham CCGs/CCP
Contributors:	
IB	Ian Bentley, Strategy and Commissioning Manager (Offender Management), Nottingham City Council
KD	Kevin Dennis, Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
SR	Sophie Russell, Head of Children's Strategy and Improvement, Nottingham City Council
JL	Jane Lewis, Community Safety Strategy Manager, Nottingham City Council
CU	Catherine Underwood, Corporate Director for People, Nottingham City Council

Minutes:	
LP	Laura Patterson, Policy Officer, Nottingham Crime & Drugs Partnership
Apologies:	
CP	Craig Parkin (Vice Chair), Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
AC	Alison Challenger, Director of Public Health, Nottingham City Council

1.0 Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

- 1.1 Introductions were given and apologies were noted. No interests were declared. DM advised that a number of CDP colleagues are leaving. Details were not currently able to be made public but a genuine thank you was offered to those colleagues, along with best wishes for the future.

2.0 Revised Terms of Reference and Selection of new Chair

- 2.1 ACC presented the report on the annual review of the terms of reference and the appointment of a new chair. The terms of reference have been updated to include the appointment of an independent chair. Following discussion at the June Board, it was recommended that Vernon Coaker be appointed as independent chair. This was agreed by Board members. DM welcomed VC as the independent chair of the CDP.

Decision

- The CDP Board approved the appointment of an Independent Chair
- The Board approved the revised terms of reference for the CDP Board and Executive Group, which include the appointment of an Independent Chair.
- CDP Board members from the Responsible Authorities voted to appoint Vernon Coaker as Independent Chair of the Board.

A decision is still required from CDP Board members whether the Independent Chair should be a voting or non-voting member of the Board. This was requested of Board members following the meeting. The terms of reference will then be finalised.

3.0 Previous Minutes of the Board from 15th June 2020

- 3.1 Vernon Coaker, as the new independent chair, took over the chairing of the meeting from this point. He expressed his thanks to members for the opportunity and looks forward to carrying on the work. Thanks were given to Cllr Mellen, as outgoing chair, for all of his work on the CDP.
- 3.2 The minutes of the CDP Board meeting held on 15th June 2020 were accepted as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

4.0 Matters Arising

- 4.1 There were no outstanding matters arising that were not either completed or accommodated in the agenda.

5.0 Performance Against CDP Partnership Plan

Longer-term performance

- 5.1 PB updated on longer-term performance against the partnership targets. Performance against the target to reduce crime is on track. There has been a reduction in crime due to Covid-19 but crime had been falling before that. ASB, however, is 22% above the baseline, affected greatly by Covid-19, especially early in lockdown. Performance against the hate crime and substance misuse targets is fairly stable. MH added that there have been increases in ASB across the country and also that hate crime has moved out from the city centre to the suburbs, which PB agreed with.

Performance during Covid-19

- 5.2 PB advised that during the Covid-19 period, there have been reductions in all crime, victim based crime and other crime. The big crime reductions at the start of the period have now narrowed and the figures are nearer to the 2019 figures. Crime has reduced by 60% in the city centre and has also reduced in most wards.
- 5.3 There have been slight increases in DV and DA crimes. There was no increase early in the pandemic but there are now slight increases across most categories now. Sexual offences have also reduced, particularly in the city centre, though some offences have been displaced to the suburbs.
- 5.4 There has been the same amount of hate crime in this period but less of it has taken place in the city centre. There have been more repeats in the pandemic period, many linked to neighbourhood disputes.
- 5.5 There has been a vast increase in ASB, especially noise complaints, which peaked in June/July. The pattern is expected to continue with the tighter restrictions and cold weather. ASB has dropped in the city centre but has increased massively in the suburbs.
- 5.6 PB advised that substance misuse has dipped below the baseline. The national rate has also dipped, as services held people for longer to ensure their needs were met during the pandemic period.
- 5.7 IB updated that the substance misuse target to 2021/22 is to equal or be above the baseline of successful completions. He advised that during the pandemic work continued but the focus was on safety, with pharmacies given scripts in bulk. Service users were given smart phones so they could keep in touch. There was a dip until May but the numbers in treatment will show an increase from June onwards.
- 5.8 IB advised that most services users were unable to obtain drugs during lockdown, as their sources of income dried up, as there were less people to beg from, people not

carrying cash and less people let into shops, making shoplifting harder. There were also a number of high profile police raids, which decreased the amount of drugs available. These issues have forced people into treatment, with higher numbers from June to August. More people are finding drinking an issue and are coming in for treatment.

- 5.9 On the CJ pathway, IB advised that testing in the custody suite had stopped due to lack of space for social distancing. This has been carried out via an app or appointment at Houndsgate. Those on remand were dealt with quickly via video link. There has been increased engagement of young people and lower dropouts through using IT systems. The service was locked down for 14 days as two staff members tested positive for Covid-19.
- 5.10 MH raised the issue of the return of students on ASB levels. Work has been carried out with returning students by the neighbourhood, burglary and robbery teams and also with the universities and licenced premises. Operation Bion addressed gatherings in contravention of PHE and government guidance. Two £10,000 fines have been issued in the city, one in Lenton and one in the south of the city, which has led to a drop in house parties. MH advised of good links with AE's teams and of the availability of the noise car and that enforcement will be used where necessary.
- 5.11 NK welcomed the use of fixed penalty notices. VC also supported enforcement where citizens will not act reasonably. DM advised that the £10,000 fine in Lenton was an example of good partnership working, as the CPOs gave a friendly warning, then called the police when this was not heeded. Limited resources make joint working even more crucial. In response to a question from NK, PB updated on the partnership's joint working around ASB, including joined up work in neighbourhoods of beat teams and CPOs and regular joint tasking meetings around ASB with partners and which focus on repeat locations.
- 5.12 IB advised that signposting from the CRC and NPS to the service is working well. Quite a lot of engagement with clients is over the phone or via an app. However, revolving door clients are not coming through. Assessments in prison are being done via video link.
- 5.13 IB advised that a lot of funding had been taken out of substance misuse and another £250,000 will be coming out of the adult substance misuse budget, which may lead to a return to waiting lists. It is hoped more funding will be obtained. VC stressed the importance of resources coming in for this valuable work.

BOARD MEMBERS NOTED THE CONTENTS OF THIS REPORT.

6.0 Strategic Assessment Update

- 6.1 PB reminded Board members of the annual statutory requirement to produce a strategic assessment. An outline proposal was brought to the June Board, where a main focus on Covid was agreed. Work on this is now progressing. A draft will go out in mid-November and the assessment will be finalised at the end of November and will

go to the December Board. The priorities of the Board will be agreed and will feed into the Partnership Plan.

7.0 Community Safety and Safeguarding

- 7.1 ACC updated that, following the discussion at the June Board, discussions have taken place with Joy Hollister, Independent Chair of the Adult Safeguarding Board. Both are keen to pursue joint policy work to ensure the CDP priorities and Adult Safeguarding are linked. There has been a changing focus in priorities in the CDP from acquisitive crime to more focus on vulnerable adults, so there is much crossover with Adult Safeguarding. A paper on this will be brought to the December Board meeting, once it has been agreed by the Children's Services structures. VC advised that he would be particularly interested in the paper considering modern slavery in children, including the trafficking of children in county lines and Nottingham railway station as a hub for this.

Action: Joy Hollister and Philip Broxholme to bring a paper on joint working between Community Safety and Safeguarding to the December meeting of the CDP Board.

8.0 Finance – Funding for DHRs

- 8.1 This report was taken as an information only report, which highlighted the current issues around funding.

BOARD MEMBERS NOTED THE CONTENTS OF THIS REPORT.

9.0 Vulnerabilities & Commodities Group

- 9.1 MH advised that the last meeting of the group had to be cancelled at short notice but will be rearranged in the next few weeks. The June meeting of the group was cancelled, as it was at the height of the Covid-19 response and there were technical issues. The SOC Partnership Group will be re-established in the near future.

10.0 Reducing Reoffending Board

- 10.1 Kevin Dennis advised that he has recently taken over as chair of the RRB and is intending to put a lot of effort into the group, which has suffered from a lack of dedicated policy and analytical support. ACC advised that additional support would be provided to the group by the CDP support team. JW updated that KD had given the RRB fresh impetus, which was supported by DW and also that additional performance information and structure would be welcome. More information on the performance framework will be brought to the next meeting of the Board. KD advised that the group met recently and discussions included a detailed discussion around possible priorities going forward. Discussion also took place around holding DV perpetrators to account, IOM and the piloting of voluntary sobriety tags. VC stressed the importance of the work on reducing reoffending.

Action: Philip Broxholme to work with Kevin Dennis on a performance framework for the Reducing Reoffending Board and to bring a report on it to the December meeting of the CDP Board.

11. Violence Reduction Unit

11.1 DW gave a detailed presentation around the work of the VRU in its first eighteen months and advised that performance has been good and positive feedback has been received from the Home Office. A number of key priorities were discussed, as set out below and the Board were given examples of work being undertaken in each of these areas:

- Data, intelligence and evidence base
- Trauma informed approaches, personal resilience and contextual safeguarding
- Community capacity building and empowerment
- Mentoring, education, training and employment

11.2 DW also highlighted some of the key projects that are being carried out, such as the violence interrupters, who do targeted youth outreach in the city centre and Radford. The first evaluation of this project has been received and is very positive and can be shared after it has gone to the VRU Board. DM endorsed the work of the violence interrupters. AG advised that sharing the evaluation work would help build on the work currently being undertaken and also could help lever in additional funding. DW advised that the key useful pointers for the voluntary sector will be extracted from the evaluation and he will work out how to share them with the sector. DW also stressed the importance of involving young people in the message and has worked with PT and KD in developing a suite of short clips around a number of issues such as county lines, violence and exploitation.

11.3 DM questioned whether figures could be provided for the city, rather than for the county as a whole. DW also confirmed that figures for the city could be separated out and will be provided in that way to the CDP Board in future.

11.4 PT advised that there is strong third sector activity in the city, which is working to improve quality and also that the drop in knife crime in the city is significantly higher than that in the county. The city has focused on violence in public spaces, using a prevention and public health approach. £1m funding has been received this year and £1.6m last year. The city also has the only knife crime team outside of London. Stop and search here is intelligence led and had increased significantly, with high positive outcomes. Three year funding is currently being bid for. SC added that all stop and searches in Nottinghamshire are audited to ensure they fulfil the requirements, there is a high success rate and 90% of the time what is being looked for is found. Operations Scorpion and Guardian have had huge success rates and the targeted approach has increased seizures of drugs and weapons. This has continued during lockdown. MH updated that recruitment has started for a second knife crime team and a second robbery team and all neighbourhoods will have an Operation Reacher team.

- 11.5 VC congratulated partners on the very significant reductions in knife crime in the city. He also commended the social media campaign, as it is a real challenge to get into hard to reach communities.

12.0 Serious Youth Violence and Exploitation Programme

- 12.1 Sophie Russell outlined the current position in relation to the delivery of Phase One of the Serious Youth Violence and Exploitation (SYVE) Programme and updated on progress to develop a Phase Two Programme Plan. SR advised that they work closely with the VRU and that the Programme partnership is the same as that for the VRU, which helps to ensure that activity is not duplicated. SR talked through some of the key activities of the programme, what was working well and what the concerns were.
- 12.2 SR updated that there is vast provision across the partnership and that the Ending Youth Violence Network feels much stronger and more collaborative than previously. She commended two council officers, Rich Bacon and Sonia Burton for their work in helping to develop and grow the voluntary and community sector. A gap in provision for 18-30 year olds has been identified and SR also highlighted that commissioning must be needs led. Funding of many of the things that have worked has been time-limited, so there is a lack of sustainability.
- 12.3 SR advised that the Phase 2 plan for the SYVEP is currently being pulled together and requested that the Board continue to support the delivery of this programme, through the ongoing commitment of their agencies to a coordinated approach to tackling youth violence and exploitation. SR also requested that all agencies consider their current activity in relation to Serious Youth Violence and Exploitation in Nottingham and flag any relevant activity for inclusion in the Programme to her.
- 12.4 VC stressed the importance of this work and also the importance of liaison with education for young people who are home educated, excluded or in alternative provision and for children in care and offending. He also highlighted the number of children going missing. SR advised that work is undertaken with the police in schools but schools choose who to work with, so the team ensure that there is a good choice of provision available for both mainstream and alternative provision and that schools are informed of it. SR also advised that there is a dedicated police officer for the Children in Care Team and that the offending rate is decreasing and statistics are good when compared to the comparator group.
- 12.5 PT highlighted the success of the Missing from Home Team. SC updated that there is a team within the Police looking at both children and adults who go missing, why they go missing, how the harm can be mitigated and patterns and trends. This has reduced the number of repeat missing considerably and much work is undertaken with children in care. The team lead has been recognised nationally for the fantastic results. The force also has school early intervention officers, including one for alternative provision.

CDP BOARD MEMBERS NOTED THE CONTENTS OF THIS REPORT.

13.0 Hate Crime Strategy

- 13.1 AG outline the draft Nottingham City Hate Crime Strategy to Board members. Having a hate crime strategy is Council Plan commitment and a pledge of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The Hate Crime Board will be stood up and will be accountable to the CDP Board. The strategy will be launched in Hate Crime Awareness Week (10 – 17th Oct).
- 13.2 AG advised that some of the major concerns and risks presented by the current Covid-19 crisis for hate crime are:
- The Black Lives Matter protests highlighting the long-term structural racism faced by black people in our city.
 - Anti-Chinese sentiment, with a rise in hate crime against people perceived to be from East Asian backgrounds.
 - Neighbourhood issues, with a rise in anti-social behaviour and neighbourhood issues with a hate element.
 - Community Cohesion, as communities are less able to come together and interact with those different to them.
 - The disproportionate impact on BAME communities and BAME health inequalities relating to COVID-19.
- 13.2 The proposed approach in the strategy is:
- Preventing hate crime by dealing with the beliefs and attitudes that can lead to hate crime, such as through community conversations and alternative and counter narratives.
 - Responding to hate crime in our communities with the aim of reducing the number of hate crimes and incidents.
 - Increasing the reporting of hate crime.
 - Building our understanding of hate crime.
 - Messages will be got out through Nottingham Together and the No Place for Hate campaign.
- 13.3 VC thanked AG for this very important piece of work. AG confirmed that Black Lives Matter is included in the strategy and that Next Gen, the organisers of the protest locally are featured in one of the case studies. PT noted that the BLM protest on the city was well policed and was mentioned in Despatches in the House of Commons. The OPCC are now working with the three young women who organised the protest. DM raised the issue of the recent right wing march in the city, where people travelled in from other areas and advised that the partnership needs to be strong against those trying to divide the city.
- 13.4 SC advised of 95% satisfaction with hate crime victims surveyed, which is much higher than other crimes. There is also an 86% conviction rate of those going to trial. However, underreporting is huge. There has also been an increase in the numbers referred to and taking up support from Victim Support.

CDP BOARD MEMBERS AGREED TO ADOPT THE DRAFT HATE CRIME STRATEGY IN PRINCIPLE, AHEAD OF ITS FORMAL LAUNCH IN OCTOBER 2020.

Action: Amy Goulden to reconvene the Hate Crime Board and to bring a Hate Crime update report to the December meeting of the CDP Board.

14.0 DSVA

DHR Update

- 14.1 Jane Lewis updated that there are currently five DHRs going through various stages of the process. There is also now a recommendation for another DHR. JL will meet and brief the new Board chair on this and then the Home Office will be alerted.

THE CDP BOARD NOTED THE CONTENTS OF THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDED THEREIN.

SV Commissioning Governance

- 14.2 JL advised that the report outlines the work the OPCC has led on with CCG colleagues. A city/county task and finish group was set up to progress work on commissioning adult and child sexual violence and abuse services for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. This has now become a standing group, the Nottinghamshire Sexual Violence and Abuse Group. Its purpose is to take a strategic overview of all sexual violence and abuse services in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire and report into existing DSVAs structures.
- 14.3 Catherine Underwood advised that the city has a well-structured IICSA programme. Partners are committed to the recommendations and the learning they have been able to take from the process. Work to commission support services for survivors sits with the CDP structures. The work on the learning from IICSA will continue and there will be connectivity but none of the governance of it will transfer.

CDP BOARD MEMBERS NOTED THE CONTENTS OF THIS REPORT AND THE KEY AREAS OF FOCUS OF THE GROUP AND AGREED TO THE INCLUSION OF THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND ABUSE GROUP IN THE NOTTINGHAM CITY DSVAs GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE.

15.0 Any Other Business

- 15.1 VC thanked members for attending the Board and for the work being carried out. VC's intention is to ensure that this work continues and he looks forward to working with Board members over the coming months.

16.0 Date of next meeting

- 16.1 Monday 14th December 2020, 2-4.30pm, via Microsoft Teams.