



## NOTTINGHAM CRIME & DRUGS PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING

MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021, 2-5PM

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

<b>Chair:</b>	Vernon Coaker, Independent Chair of the CDP Board
<b>Attendees:</b>	
<b>CP</b>	Craig Parkin (Vice Chair), Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
<b>SC</b>	Steve Cooper, Assistant Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire Police
<b>MH</b>	Mat Healey, Area Commander, Nottinghamshire Police (Supt.)
<b>NK</b>	Councillor Neghat Khan, Portfolio Holder for Employment and Community Protection, Nottingham City Council
<b>DSS</b>	Deborah Seanson-Smith, Acting Deputy Governor, HMP Nottingham
<b>PB</b>	Phil Broxholme, Senior Community Safety Manager, Nottingham Crime & Drugs Partnership
<b>ML</b>	Mary Lester, Head of Community Partnerships, Nottingham City Council
<b>PT</b>	Paddy Tipping, Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner
<b>EF</b>	Emma Foody, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire
<b>KD</b>	Kevin Dennis, Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
<b>DW</b>	David Wakelin, Director, Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Unit
<b>NM</b>	Nick Murphy, Chief Executive, Nottingham City Homes
<b>WF</b>	Wilf Fearon, Head of Service - Early Help, Nottingham City Council
<b>SJ</b>	Saika Jabeen, Interim Head of Nottinghamshire LDU, National Probation Service
<b>JW</b>	Jon Webb, Head of Service – Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire, DLNR CRC
<b>HB</b>	Hazel Buchanan, Director of Strategy and Partnerships, Greater Nottingham CCGs/CCP
<b>Contributors:</b>	
<b>IB</b>	Ian Bentley, Strategy and Commissioning Manager (Offender Management), Nottingham City Council
<b>AG</b>	Amy Goulden, Community Relations Manager, Nottingham City Council
<b>RL</b>	Councillor Rebecca Langton, Portfolio Holder for Communities, Nottingham City Council
<b>JL</b>	Jane Lewis, Community Safety Strategy Manager, Nottingham City Council
<b>UB</b>	Uzmah Bhatti, Senior Public Health Insight Manager, Nottingham City Council
<b>AP</b>	ChInsp Al Pearson, City Area Neighbourhoods, Nottinghamshire Police

<b>ACC</b>	Alex Castle-Clarke, Head of Strategy & Assurance, Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
<b>AGow</b>	Supt Andy Gowan, Public Protection Lead, Nottinghamshire Police
<b>HW</b>	Supt Hayley Williams, Public Protection Lead, Nottinghamshire Police
<b>Minutes:</b>	
<b>LP</b>	Laura Patterson, Policy Officer, Nottingham Crime & Drugs Partnership
<b>Apologies:</b>	
<b>DM</b>	Councillor David Mellen, Leader of Nottingham City Council
<b>AE</b>	Andrew Errington, Strategic Director of Community Protection and Energy Services, Nottingham City Council
<b>AC</b>	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. There were no declarations of interest.
- 1.2 VC noted the events of the weekend regarding the vigils following the Sarah Everard murder and stressed that this will be significant in our work in the days to come. VC praised the sensitive and proportionate response of Nottinghamshire Police and has written to MH and the Chief Constable.

### **2.0 Previous Minutes of the Board from 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

- 3.1 The minutes of the CDP Board meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 were accepted as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

### **3.0 Matters Arising**

- 4.1 There were no outstanding matters arising that were not either completed or accommodated in the agenda.
- 4.2 In response to action around the partnership response to ASB, PB updated that a day of action is being planned in each ward in the city. A briefing and proposed timetable has been agreed with NDOs and has the support of partners. LP will circulate the days of action briefing note to Board members. MH advised that the Police were happy to double the support in wards if required. NM supported the idea and felt that a lot could be achieved if they were well publicised and coordinated.

### **4.0 Performance against CDP Partnership Plan**

#### Performance against partnership and council targets

- 4.1 PB provided a brief update on performance against the partnership targets and advised that more substantial performance updates would now be given in the subgroup updates, later in the meeting. Performance against the target to reduce crime is on

track, as crime has reduced dramatically in the Covid period. The target to reduce ASB by 25% is not on track, as ASB is approximately 35% above the baseline. The volume of repeat victims of hate crime has reduced by 6% but there is only a moderate change in the percentage of all hate crime victims that are repeats. The substance misuse target is not currently being met, as the number of successful substance misuse completions has fallen.

## **5.0 Governance & Terms of Reference**

- 5.1 PB presented the updated terms of reference, reflecting the new partnership structure. Six of the seven thematic groups will present updates at the meeting. PB suggested that it would be preferable for there to be two or three updates at each meeting, to allow for time for discussion. The Board agreed that this should be the case.

CDP BOARD MEMBERS AGREED THE UPDATED TERMS OF REFERENCE.

### Links with YJS

- 5.2 WF advised that to ensure clear links between the Youth Justice Service and the CDP Board, PB will represent the CDP Board at the YJ Management Board and WF will now represent the YJS at the CDP Board. There is engagement around wider criminal justice issues and around performance. WF advised that it would be helpful if data on children and young people coming through the system could be included. Future performance reports will therefore include details relating to children and young people.

### Thematic Inspection of Youth Justice Service/

- 5.3 WF updated that a team of inspectors will be carrying out a thematic inspection to identify how Youth Offending Services understand and meet the needs of black and mixed heritage boys in the youth justice system. Eight local authorities will be inspected and a joint report will be produced.
- 5.4 WF requested that Board members offer support around the inspection if requested. DW offered to support if needed and MH offered support of the VCG. PT advised this topic is very relevant and that it would be useful to know when the report will be issued. KD is on the city Youth Justice Management Board and advised of the long term challenges around this issue and that problems are faced by many cities. SJ leads a group for RRB around overrepresentation and KD will feed in to the work on overrepresentation in juvenile criminal justice. DSS and WF agreed to discuss providing a service to the DTO and YOT leavers. VC wished WF and the team luck with the inspection.

## **6.0 Partnership Plan**

- 6.1 PB presented the first draft of the new community safety partnership plan, covering the period 2021-24. The plan is a statutory requirement and will be published in April. The priorities of the plan are anti-social behaviour, drugs & alcohol, hate crime, weapon enabled offending, modern slavery & exploitation and domestic & sexual violence &

abuse. ASB is new in the list of priorities this year because of the increase over the last year.

- 6.2 PB advised that the foreword of the plan reflects the challenges around Covid, Black Lives Matter, prejudice and hate crime. VC stressed the importance of DSVAs being prioritised.

CDP BOARD MEMBERS AGREED THE PARTNERSHIP PLAN AS PRESENTED.

**Action:** The Partnership Plan 2021-24 to be published in April. Appropriate communications channels to be used, including the CDP website and Twitter account.

## **7.0 Vulnerabilities & Commodities Group**

### Quarterly update

- 7.1 MH updated on the group, which took place on 11<sup>th</sup> March and was a good and productive meeting. The meetings have been re-sequenced to fit better with the Board timetable. MH advised that the meeting noted the passing of Helen Blackman, who had been a valued member of the group for several years.
- 7.2 MH advised that the meeting agreed updated terms of reference for the VCG and was largely administrative. SOC profiles had been provided by the force analysts, with support from CDP analysts. The meeting considered how draft profiles for two areas met the priorities of the group. The profiles were informative and will inform the work of the VCG going forwards. As they also include recommendations and highlight intelligence gaps, they will form the basis of an action plan. The working group will be reconstituted and the core group and others can contribute when relevant to their area of business. Superintendent Mike Allen has agreed to be deputy chair of the group.
- 7.3 VC thanked MH for a good report and was pleased at the work on serious and organised crime. He stressed the need for the National Crime Agency to link in with local work. VC also thanked the group for the work around children and advised that there are a significant number of children who are missing or out of education and are at risk. MH advised that the force have a good relationship with the British Transport Police locally, who have been involved in Operation Guardian, some of which has been run on the railway estate. DW advised that the VRU are starting to plan work to quantify serious violence in the SOC world.

### Drug Related Deaths and Impact of cuts to substance misuse services

- 7.3 IB advised that historically drug related deaths (DRDs) in Nottingham have been low and the CIRG meets 3-4 times per year to look at learning from the deaths. The ONS data on DRDs is only until 2019. The rate now is lower than most areas, at 11.3 per 100k but was as low as 2 per 100k previously. Research has taken place into the reasons for this. Access to mental health provision is not as robust as it could be. IB advised that substance misuse budgets have reduced by 49% since 2019. Novel psychoactive substances are now of lower quality and there is an ageing population of drug users. Most of the deaths are polydrug use, including prescription drugs.

- 7.3 IB updated that deaths have increased in 2020, with 20 so far but they are not all confirmed by the coroner yet, due to Covid delays and some are still to be fully investigated. IB advised that performance in successful completions has dropped because people are being kept in treatment longer. In relation to the budget cuts, a plan has been made with the provider not to fill vacancies and to set up a waiting list.
- 7.4 IB advised that £614k has been received from the government to address drug related deaths and substance misuse related crime. A meeting will take place shortly with partners and providers to consider how this will be spent. The funding is just for one year currently.
- 7.5 VC advised that he hoped more funding would follow and that the drug related death figures across the country were alarming. NM suggested that a broader range of indicators could be included in the substance misuse performance report. It was agreed that future performance reports will include broader range of substance misuse indicators. There was a discussion around support for prisoners and their families on release but IB advised that the new funding could not be used for this work as there are strict parameters on how it can be spent.
- 7.6 VC thanked Ian for his report on this important area of work and noted the need to address the significant increase in drug related deaths.

**Action:** A meeting to be arranged to look at the partnership approach to substance misuse. The meeting will be attended by the chair and vice chair and the agenda will include performance, finances, drug related deaths and other issues of relevance.

## **8.0 Reducing Reoffending Board**

### Quarterly update

- 8.1 KD advised that thematic leads have been identified and that a performance board is planned. Detailed performance data, including a suite of equalities information will be able to be shared soon. The first meeting of the Regional Reducing Reoffending Board was held in January. It discussed the 3 Year Reducing Reoffending Plan and access to a Regional Outcome and Innovation Fund which will be able to be used to tackle gaps. There has been a lot of investment around this agenda. The RRB will assess where investment is going locally in order to maximise the benefits.
- 8.2 KD also updated on the National Neighbourhood Crime IOM Strategy and that there is no plan to change priorities at present. The top 40 DV perpetrators are being managed. More funding will be available from the MOJ in the summer around prison leavers, especially 18-24 year olds, some of which may be able to be used for a mental health pathway.
- 8.3 KD also updated on the Youth Endowment Fund 2021, which is a large fund for diverting young people away from the Criminal Justice System. More money will also be available from the Home Office for intensive support. The RRB will also provide partnership oversight of the offender management element of the stalking pilot (non-domestic stalking).

- 8.4 JW updated on the new target operating model for Probation Services. The government is investing an additional £155m per year in the unified probation service, in sentence management, interventions and rehabilitative services. There is a national shortage of probation officers and training takes 1-2 years. Going forward, all probation services will be delivered from a unified model of NPS, which will be implemented from 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021. There will be 12 probation regions, with Nottingham in the East Midlands region. Contracts for rehabilitation and resettlement services will be awarded under the Probation Services Dynamic Framework, with 14 categories under which bids can be made. Potential commissioners are invited to join the framework. Some contracts have already been awarded locally.
- 8.5 JW advised that there will be no change to the estate situation and that there should be little or no impact upon operational delivery. Partners should experience a smooth transition to the new organisation. Delivery should be more straightforward, as there will be only one probation organisation to work with.
- 8.6 NK queried the support available for prisoners on release. JW advised that the RRB is looking at an offenders' charter, which would include the council, to help people resettle after prison. KD highlighted the need to maximise the support around housing and housing benefit. Two providers have been invited to the next RRB to look at what is delivered in the city. Once gaps are identified, discussions can take place on how to fill them.
- 8.7 SJ advised that this is a positive and challenging time for Probation, which will allow the service to work as one organisation with partners, which should benefit both partners and service users.
- 8.8 VC thanked KD & JW for their interesting and thoughtful presentations.

## **9.0 Hate Crime and Community Partnerships Board**

### Quarterly update

- 9.1 RL introduced this item, in her capacity as chair of the new Hate Crime and Community Partnerships Board, which has now met for the first time.
- 9.2 PB presented the hate crime performance data and advised that there had been a moderate decrease in hate crime but it had shifted from the nighttime economy out to neighbourhoods. It is mostly race related and the number of repeat victims has been climbing since the summer. PB also updated on NHIPP and advised that a high proportion of perpetrators and victims are known to each other. Dales and Castle wards have the most repeat victims.
- 9.3 AG updated on discussions at the HC&CP Board, the activity which is taking place, progress against the action plan and what activity will be happening next, as set out in the presentation, which has been circulated. The Home Office funding for the counter extremism role finishes at the end of March but the officer will continue to work around crime and hate crime. The board wants to see a decrease in repeat hate crime and

early conversations are taking place to support this aim. AG stressed the importance of ensuring key messages on hate crime are visible as the city emerges out of lockdown, in anticipation of a possible rise in incidents.

- 9.4 VC commended the phenomenal and important work which is taking place to address hate crime and stressed that the multiplicity of initiatives needed to be communicated to the wider community. He also commended the Holocaust Memorial Centre for all their fantastic work.
- 9.5 RL advised that discussions about linking with NCH had taken place at the HC&CP Board and AG advised that NCH are working with social landlords around NHIPP. PB advised Operation Fossil had not been fully operational since January and that the number of letters issued had been reduced due to other interventions taking place. RL highlighted the positive coverage of Nottinghamshire Police this week around the Sarah Everard vigil and also their lead on misogyny and bystander awareness.

## **10.0 DSVA Strategy Group**

### Quarterly update

- 10.1 UB presented the DSVa performance data, in her capacity as Chair of the DSVa Strategy Group and highlighted the 57% increase in calls to specialist DVA services, though calls to the police have fallen. DA reported crimes have fallen by 6%, which is concerning, as it is not necessarily due to a lack of need. DA reported incidents have increased. Reported sexual offences have decreased by 28% during the pandemic.
- 10.2 JL updated on the strategic priorities of the DSVa Strategy Group and of the subgroups and what activity will be happening next, as set out in the presentation which was circulated. The voluntary sector subgroup has coordinated all the communications around DSVa during Covid, five DHRs are ongoing and the My Journey booklet has received national praise. One of the key issues currently is the statutory duty arising from the Domestic Abuse Bill, for which specialist training, briefing and communications programmes are being developed for the next year.
- 10.3 VC thanked UB and JL for their excellent presentation and commended the huge range of work which the group is undertaking.

### Statutory Duty

- 10.4 PB updated Board members on the proposed governance arrangements for the statutory duty, which the partnership will be expected to comply with from 1<sup>st</sup> April. The duty requires that a local partnership board (LPB) be formed and PB recommended that the CDP Board fulfil that requirement, as most partners required by the duty already attend the Board. A representative is required from the voluntary sector and the sector has nominated Anna Clarke, CEO of Equation, to fill that role. Support will be provided to the Board by the DSVa Strategy Group and the DSVa JCG.
- 10.5 PB advised that the city has been allocated £871k for 2021/22 only, to help it fulfil the duty. It is proposed to use some of it for services whose funding is finishing at the end of March and some for pilot projects. JL updated that the JCG had agreed the proposed

expenditure in principle and a meeting with Procurement has taken place to agree how to put it into action. The funding must be spent this year or less will be allocated for future years. PT suggested planning for three years, whilst being clear only the first year can be guaranteed.

- 10.6 AGow queried whether a higher number of refuge beds could be commissioned but JL advised that the funding is not available for capital expenditure. The proposal will, however, include four beds in the complex needs refuge and support costs for the 12 move on units, which Homes England funded and also to help survivors into private rented accommodation.

THE BOARD AGREED TO ASSUME THE ROLE OF THE 'LOCAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD' SUPPORTED BY THE EXISTING DSVa STRATEGY AND COMMISSIONING GROUPS AND TO RECEIVE QUARTERLY UPDATES IN RESPECT OF PLANS AND ACTIVITY RELATED TO THE DUTY DELIVERED BY THE DSVa GROUPS.

THE BOARD AGREED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A THIRD SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD IN ORDER THAT THE INTERESTS OF SURVIVORS, CHILDREN AND SERVICES BE REPRESENTED.

THE BOARD AGREED THE DRAFT SPENDING PROPOSALS PRESENTED IN THE REPORT.

**Action:** The CDP Board Terms of Reference to be amended to incorporate the requirements of the domestic abuse statutory duty.

**Action:** Anna Clark, CEO Equation, to be invited to attend the board from June 2021 onwards, in respect of items relating to the domestic abuse statutory duty.

OPCC update - Perpetrator programme, VAWG Strategy, DSVa report and action plan

- 10.7 EF updated that the perpetrator programme continues to present challenge but there is a lot of learning from it, which will improve it in the future. The VAWG strategy has been sent out for feedback.
- 10.8 ACC advised that Your Choice, the perpetrator programme, got Home Office funding in December and will launch in April, so there has been limited time to test it. It will be a 24-week programme, with two cohorts of twelve each across the city and county. Parallel work is also being carried out with those who are not available for group work. There have been challenges, as it is difficult to compel people to join the programme. Learning shows it would be better embedded in a social care model.
- 10.9 ACC updated that the VAWG strategy will be in policy alignment for the launch of the new Home Office VAWG strategy and so would be well placed for any potential funding. The strategy will consider prevention, provision of services and managing perpetrators and will ensure equality of access and parity of esteem. Addressing the increases in stalking and harassment will be one of the key elements of the strategy.



MEMBERS NOTED THE PROGRESS OF THE DVPP AND THE VAWG STRATEGY AND AGREED TO RECEIVE A FINAL VERSION OF THE VAWG STRATEGY FOR ENDORSEMENT AT A FUTURE MEETING OF THE CDP BOARD.

#### DHR Loam

- 10.10 PB advised that DHR Loam is nearing completion, with amendments requested by the family now being made. It was recommended that Board members agree that the Chair sign off the overview report on DHR Loam on behalf of the Board, to avoid delaying the sign off until the June meeting.

THE BOARD AGREED THAT THE CHAIR SIGN OFF DHR LOAM ON THEIR BEHALF AND THAT A REPORT ON DHR LOAM BE PRESENTED TO THE JUNE BOARD MEETING.

**Action:** The chair to sign off the overview report for DHR Loam on behalf of the board. A report on DHR Loam to be presented to the June meeting of the board.

### **11. Partnership Tasking**

#### Quarterly Report and Partnership response to ASB

- 11.1 PB presented the ASB performance information. ASB has increased greatly during the pandemic, though it is expected to fall in the next 12 months. The biggest increases have been in noise and in repeat victims of ASB. The volumes are lower than the first few months of the first lockdown but are increasing again in the current lockdown. The biggest increases have been in Hyson Green and Arboretum, the city centre and Radford. ASB has spread out from the city centre to neighbourhoods during the Covid period.
- 11.2 AP updated on key activity of the group, advising that tasking had been reviewed a few years ago. Work towards the target to decrease ASB by 25% over 4 years and had been going well pre-Covid, though ASB is now rising. Covid violations have been included in the ASB figures. A weekly ASB tasking meeting took place, co-chaired by the Police and council and focused on the top ten ASB areas and people and there was a full partnership problem-solving response. This included work to address the issues at Hyson Green Asda and work with the universities.
- 11.3 AP updated that James Douglas is working with a small group on the development of Partnership Tasking action plan. Tasking partners are all supportive of the days of action. AP also updated on the challenges and what activity will be happening next, as set out in the presentation that was circulated.
- 11.4 PT highlighted the dissatisfaction of residents in student areas and the difficult relationships with the universities. He advised that it needs to be clear what the Police, council and universities are doing together to address this. AP agreed this was an ongoing problem which is being worked on and advised that information sharing agreements have been established. PB will arrange a meeting between the OPCC, Notts Police and NCC to discuss the partnership response to noise ASB.

11.5 VC thanked AP and PB for the presentation and offered thanks to all the officers involved.

## **12.0 Prevent Steering Group**

### Quarterly Report

12.1 AG updated on Prevent performance, the Counter Terrorism Local Profile, progress on the action plan being drafted in response to CTLP and current and future activity, as set out in the presentation which has been circulated. Referrals to Prevent have increased by 11% compared to last year. Most referrals were for males and there is concern that the highest proportion of them are 12-16, many with mental health issues. An action plan is being developed, which will focus on intelligence, a training plan and communications.

12.2 AG also highlighted that Nottingham is the highest risk area that does not receive Prevent support. The Home Office funded counter extremism post has been lost, along with the funding that came with it. AG advised that Prevent training is online and requested that Board members encourage their staff to undertake it. CP has provided details of the training to Fire Service staff and AG will let him know if representatives do not attend.

12.3 VC thanked AG for an interesting presentation.

## **13.0 Violence Reduction Unit**

13.1 DW provided an update on the work of the VRU. He advised that the VRU will be reporting on activity to date to the Home Office and to the VRU Board and will also be updating the strategic assessment. There is a tight timescale for answering HO questions for the £880k funding next year. Council colleagues are well embedded in the VRU and support is provided by police and council colleagues.

**Action:** DW to send missing children figures to the chair, along with the source of the information.

CDP BOARD MEMBERS NOTED THE CONTENTS OF THIS REPORT.

## **14.1 Safer Streets Fund**

14.1 ACC updated on the bid which is going to be submitted for the second round of the Safer Streets Fund. The city bid last year did not proceed but a bid for Newark was successful. This year's bid will be for around £400k and will focus on serious acquisitive crime in the Lower Super Output Areas located in Radford, Hyson Green & Arboretum. Burglary has been identified in the Respect Survey as the top concern of residents.

14.2 ACC advised that the bid will include alley gating & key holding, CCTV, Burglary Reduction Officer, target hardening (locks, bolts, bars, alarms, lights etc.), 'Ring Doorbells', community champions, student liaison, Safer Housing action and licensing, Neighbourhood Alert and high visibility days of action and offender management. The

application deadline is March 25<sup>th</sup> and the outcome will be known in June, with mobilisation in June/July. The bid will support and add value to ongoing work to tackle burglary, will increase the evidence base and would support a potential future shift to IOM for serious acquisitive crime.

- 14.2 VC thanked ACC for his presentation and wished him luck with the bid.

THE BOARD NOTED THE CONTENTS OF THE PRESENTATION AND AGREED THE SAFER STREETS BID BE SUBMITTED AS PROPOSED.

**15.0 Any Other Business**

- 15.1 VC advised that he is being introduced to the House of Lords at 1pm on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and that it will be livestreamed on House of Lords TV and possibly on Parliament TV.

- 15.2 VC thanked members for a positive meeting, which had covered a lot of ground and for their contributions and commitment.

**16.0 Date of next meeting**

- 16.1 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021, 2.00-5.00pm, via Microsoft Teams.