

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD – 6 DECEMBER 2018****SAFER TELFORD & WREKIN PARTNERSHIP UPDATE****REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT TOM HARDING, CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP****1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1. To provide the annual update on the implementation of the Community Safety Partnership's Strategy: "Safer Telford and Wrekin Strategy" at Appendix 1.
- 1.2. The Safer Telford and Wrekin Partnership is held to account by the Telford & Wrekin Council's Customer, Community and Partnership Scrutiny Committee as the designated body for scrutiny of Community Safety Partnerships as set out in Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The Crime and Disorder Act of 1998 requires local areas to have a Community Safety Partnership (CSP). Section 17 of this act places a legal duty on the responsible authorities¹ to work together to tackle and reduce crime and disorder, including anti-social behaviour, domestic abuse, substance misuse, reduce reoffending and reduce the fear of crime.
- 2.2. In Telford the CSP is known as the 'Safer Telford and Wrekin Partnership' and has been in existence since 1998.

3. THE SAFER TELFORD & WREKIN PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY 2017-2019

- 3.1. Since 1998, the strategy has been regularly refreshed to reflect the changing needs of the community, but retaining the partnership's statutory purpose.
- 3.2. Over the last 18 months there have been many changes to the community safety landscape, including the election of the new West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), John Campion and the subsequent West Mercia Police and Crime Plan. Many of the partners have also undergone restructuring within this time period, and the partnership is determined to minimise the effects of these restructures on the community.
- 3.3. Working together to make a difference is integral to the success of the strategy; this includes working with other partnerships and ensuring that strategies and plans are aligned (including for example, the West Mercia Police and Crime Plan 2016-2021, the local Youth Justice Plan, and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy).

¹ The responsible authorities are: Telford & Wrekin Council, West Mercia Police, Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service, Telford & Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group, National Probation Service and West Mercia and Warwickshire Community Rehabilitation Company.

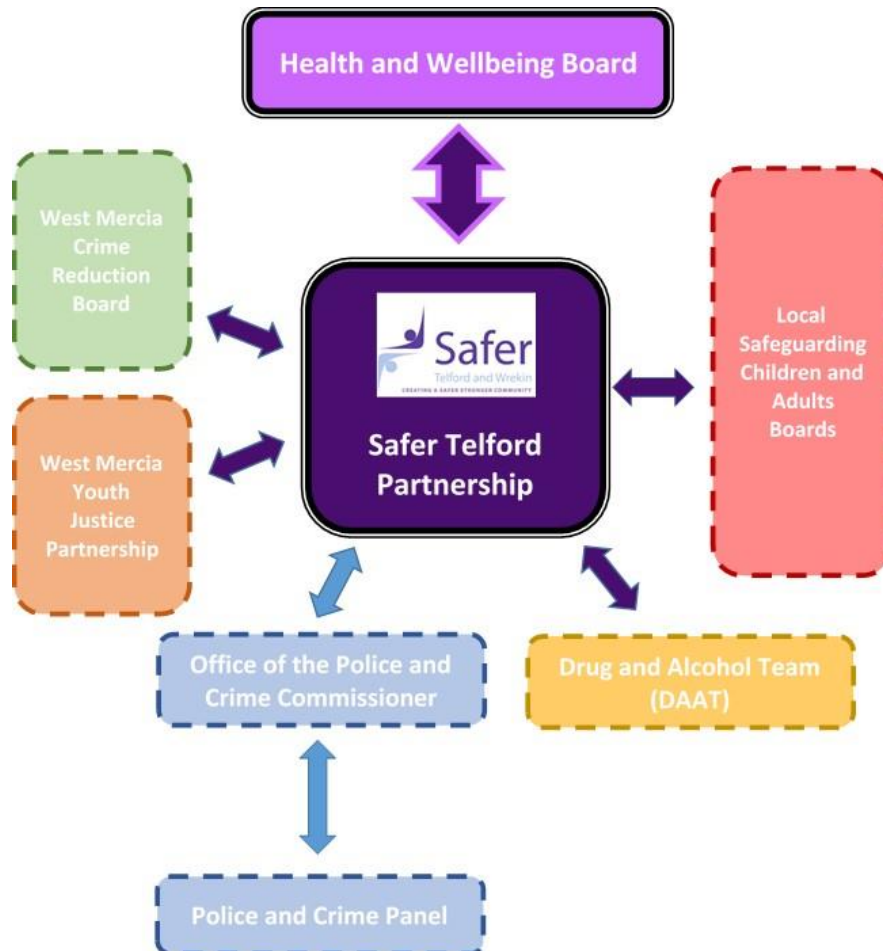
- 3.4. The Safer Telford and Wrekin Partnership is committed to reducing crime and its impact on our communities, including our most vulnerable residents and victims of crime. Its overarching priority is to **reduce crime, and the fear of crime, in the Borough**.
- 3.5. The priorities for 2017-2019 were decided through analysis of recorded crime and through consultation with agencies. Whilst the partnership recognises that other types of crime occur in the Borough, it agreed to concentrate on three in particular for the period of this strategy. The three priorities are:
- Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and its impact on victims;
 - Addressing Domestic Abuse and its impact on victims; and
 - Reducing the impact of crime, including fear of, on community wellbeing.
- 3.6. Progress against the priorities is monitored and challenged through the Partnership's performance framework. This framework is broader than the priorities which will enable the Partnership to identify any emerging themes outside of the priorities that it needs to address.
- 3.7. The Safer Telford and Wrekin Strategy outlines how the partnership is addressing the three priority areas and the impact on the community.

4. GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- 4.1. The Safer Telford and Wrekin Partnership is accountable locally to the Health and Wellbeing Board and provides an annual update on its progress as well as updates on specific aspects, such as substance misuse throughout the year.
- 4.2. The Safer Telford and Wrekin Partnership is also held to account by the Telford & Wrekin Council's Customer, Community and Partnership Scrutiny Committee as the designated body for scrutiny of Community Safety Partnerships as set out in Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.
- 4.3. The Safer Telford and Wrekin Partnership is linked with other strategic local and regional partnerships as the following diagram illustrates. As well as these strategic links, the partnership works closely with the wider partnership landscape in the Borough to ensure that strategies and work plan area aligned (e.g. the Homelessness Partnership).
- 4.4. A multi-agency **Serious Violence Strategic Governance Board** was established in October 2018 – Chaired by Angie Astley, Assistant Director Neighborhoods and Customer Services, TWC. It recognizes joint work must:
- Understand and develop pathways to support victims of serious violence crime, exploitation of vulnerable adults, young people and children through modern slavery, tackling county lines and misuse of drugs.
 - Explore early intervention and prevention opportunities through intelligence based targeting of our work in localities.
 - Use intelligence to plan targeted multi agency operations in hotspot areas.
 - Build resilience in communities by working in partnerships with voluntary organisations and other key stakeholders to raise awareness.

- Use our respective enforcement & criminal and civil prosecution powers to deal with perpetrators.

This group will also report to the Safer Telford & Wrekin Partnership.



5. PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS

- 5.1. In January 2018, Telford & Wrekin Full Council approved the new Safer Telford & Wrekin Strategy 2017-2019. Prior to this the Safer Telford & Wrekin Partnership and the Health and Wellbeing Board had endorsed the strategy.
- 5.2. During the last 12 months the Partnership has made the following progress on projects that fulfil its three priorities:

CSE Awareness Raising and Education Project

This project funded by the PCC aimed to develop and co-ordinate a prevention package around Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), Missing Children and online safety. The aim was to enable a suitably qualified practitioner to develop and deliver a consistent message to a variety of audiences. The project has been funded by the PCC and has been implemented

through the creation of a post within West Mercia Police for a 12 month period to deliver the raising awareness and education programme. The post was appointed in July 2018 and West Mercia Police appointed another part-time post to support this work and expand the remit to cover the wider issue of exploitation. A suite of training materials and guidance has been developed to educate on CSE and wider exploitation and training is being carried out with the Telford and Wrekin Community, including parents/carers, care homes, after school clubs, sports and leisure venues, agencies working with children and young people like housing and foster carers and local businesses, such as supermarkets and the late night economy.

Domestic Abuse

A number of different projects have been supported by the Safer Telford & Wrekin Partnership through PCC funding, including funding for Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVA, part of West Mercia Women's Aid contract); Sanctuary - which provides additional security in victims' properties, allowing victims to remain in their own homes and prevents them from having to seek alternative / interim accommodation.

The White Ribbon Campaign was promoted, with a particular emphasis around the World Cup and a successful White Ribbon Event took place on 23 November 2018 in Woodside.

Community projects

Work is being done to reduce and tackle local antisocial behaviour and crime in high harm areas. The Neighbourhood Delivery Group is addressing issues of crime, anti-social behaviour and wider community safety issues at five locality levels, across the borough through a co-ordinated partnership approach, with the overall intention of improving the quality of life for residents across the borough. A performance dashboard is being used to target intervention against the Safer Telford & Wrekin priorities. Projects have included work with Women's Aid to raise awareness to DA support services especially in South Telford to address the issues around violent crime by providing training to frontline staff and volunteers; supported activities for young women across the borough linking back to the White Ribbon Campaign; investment in CCTV to support the detection of crime and address anti-social behaviour and environmental crime issues; improving community cohesion across the Borough, integrating communities and promoting self-help such as 'No Hate Here' campaigns and a project with 10 primary and secondary schools to raise discussion/debate on prejudice, intolerance and hate crime.

Street Pastors

Telford Street Pastors continues to go from strength to strength. The project supports partners (The Urban Trinity), West Mercia Police and the Council in dealing with the human issues and problems occurring in the night-time economy and resolving issues of vulnerability and danger. The Street Pastors are highly motivated and experienced trained volunteers who are able to identify and deal with potentially difficult anti-social behaviour situations in the night time economy setting. There is a particular emphasis on Telford town centre and Wellington.

Taxi Marshalling Scheme.

The Taxi Marshalls are an essential part of keeping people safe within the night time economy and play a vital role in supporting the street pastors in the early intervention of potential incidents. The marshals have proven highly effective in increasing public safety in the night time economy; controlling taxi queues, reducing illegal private hire pick-up and improving the safety of vulnerable persons who are waiting for a taxi or a lift home. The

aim of the project was to reduce unsociable behaviour and confrontations by quickly diffusing situations in order to prevent violence and public disorder. In turn this reduces the amount of time spent by the emergency services attending incidents.

The marshal's work closely with the local authority, the police and other agencies and produce a weekly report to the Licensing Service detailing any issues they have encountered, recording possible breaches by taxi's to allow the local authority to investigate further and record the number of taxis and passengers they have dealt with. On the occasions when the Street Pastors are also present the taxi marshal's work with them to identify vulnerable persons and lone females and ensure that they are adequately supervised and assisted.

Crucial Crew

Crucial Crew is a multi-agency partnership event aimed at Year 6 students (10/11yrs) designed to provide them with life skills and knowledge, that will in the future help to keep themselves and others safe. This year Crucial Crew engaged students in discussions and raised awareness of important safety issues at an event hosted at TCAT. 2225 students were involved from every school across the borough. The event was an interactive learning opportunity, helping young people to develop a safer, healthier lifestyle by increasing their confidence, promoting resilience, independence and good relationships, whilst encouraging responsibility and respect for differences. They become more aware of personal and peer safety, learn how to react to potentially dangerous situations, make positive contributions to local communities, and identify actions at an age at which they start to become more independent and with transition to secondary school.

6. LOOKING FORWARD

6.1. The Safer Telford and Wrekin Partnership will continue to take an intelligence led approach to tackle the areas of greatest need in the community. Areas for future development will be considered during spring 2019 when the partnership will review its progress against current priorities, and review emerging issues, such as Serious Organised Crime, to inform the next strategy (2019-2021).

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