

**Health and Wellbeing report from Strong and Safe Communities Group (SSCG)
Meeting 19 January 2017**

The following agencies were represented at the meeting:

Suffolk County Council (SCC) Public Health, West Suffolk councils, Babergh Mid Suffolk councils, Suffolk Police, East Suffolk Councils, SCC Community Safety, Ipswich Borough council, Suffolk Coastal Community Safety Partnership (CSP), Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Youth Offending Services (YOS), Waveney CSP, Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Adult Safeguarding Board (ASGB), SCC Public Health, Suffolk Fire and Rescue

Apologies: Ipswich CSP, Western Suffolk CSP

1. Workstreams

Following a meeting between Sara Blake and Sue Hadley (Chair, Safeguarding Boards) regarding ownership and governance of workstreams, it was agreed that:

Domestic Abuse (DA) - It was agreed that SSCG should retain the responsibility/governance for the DA workstream.

Cybercrime – Children’s Safeguarding Board will lead on this, as there is already a sub group for online safety and a strategy in place.

Youth Violence and Gangs – it was suggested that the Children’s Safeguarding Board take this lead, however they felt that it was broader than their remit, as young adults are included in this area of work. It was agreed therefore that the SSCG would lead on this work and co-ordinate with partners.

Sexual Exploitation – Sara Blake discussed this with Dave Cutler and Simon Parks from Protecting Vulnerable People at Suffolk Police. The suggestion was that if there was a violence against women and girls (including men) steering group (VAWG), this could include DA, sexual violence and sexual exploitation. SCC would ‘hold the ring’ on this area of work and the safeguarding boards would plug into this around support for victims and perpetrators. Probation and Youth Offending are already working in this space.

2. Update on current workstreams

Domestic Abuse- Clair Harvey - SCC

Commissioning DA services – this is moving forward. By April 2018 there will be joint commissioning of DA services across Suffolk.

The Department of Communities and Local Government has made available several pots of funding for DA – a bid has been submitted for Refuge places.

Training – frontline practitioner training and Female Genital Mutilation/Forced marriage training will be available soon.

Single front door concept - there will be a pilot with the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) and Safe Lives starting in the spring, for a professional route in. The aspiration is to have a single front door for everyone. An expression of interest for funding from the Home Office VAWG fund will be submitted. PCC and Police are supporting this bid. All must be submitted by 23 January 2017.

Youth Violence and Gangs – Clair Harvey - SCC

The University of Suffolk has been commissioned to produce a threat assessment for Youth violence and gangs in Ipswich initially, followed by West and East. The initial phase, starting in February 2017 is likely to take two months and a steering group is overseeing the work. The funding for phase 1 has been sourced from SCC, the following phases may require Transformation Challenge Award (TCA) funding.

The assessment will take research from the national county lines work which will give a good overview, however county lines have already been identified, the gap is in understanding local gangs and activity. The assessment will focus on three strands, enforcement, prevention and intervention. The final outcome should enable Suffolk to form its own strategy.

3. Hidden Harm (Toxic Trio) – Sharon Jarrett - SCC

SJ explained that she is looking for a body to act as governance for the work around Hidden Harm.

A hidden needs assessment was carried out in 2015 and the recommendations were taken to the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Children's Safeguarding Board. These recommendations need to be owned and the work revitalised as we are still seeing the impact on children who have parents who misuse drugs and alcohol, have mental health issues or suffer DA.

Three main issues came from the report: response is inequitable across the county, do responses work and there is a need for a coordinated approach.

Following discussion;

Sara Blake acknowledged the relationship between this work and the work of the SSCG, and that it should be explored how we can assist, but not in isolation. Drugs/alcohol/mental health should be embedded into the VAWG work.

4. Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) – Clair Harvey - SCC

The Suffolk DHR protocol has been reviewed as a result of learning from the recent DHRs in Babergh and Lowestoft.

The revised protocol covers:

- The role of the CSPs
- Publication – before submission to the Home Office and publication, partner organisations must have seen and agreed the recommendations.
- List of partner contacts is held centrally by SCC
- SCC to be link to Safeguarding Boards
- Following publication on local authority website, there is merit in making a repository for all DHR reports to be located. Adult safeguarding board have agreed to host this.

East CSP has agreed to fund a DHR learning day for all interested partners.

5. Any Other Business

- 1) Suffolk Police gave an update on the continued Police use of ECINs (computer program), until the Partnership platform is available. At an Athena presentation at Wymondham it was agreed that a working party of partners to influence the design is being planned. Partners need to consider what they would use it for eg Anti-Social Behaviour, Licensing, event management etc. A pilot is planned in Essex between May and August 2017 with evaluation in Autumn 2017.

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- 2) At the end of 2016, a task and finish group looked at Hate Crime and has identified a number of gaps and other further actions. A written report will be provided at the next meeting.
- 3) The CCG consider DA in any approach for healthcare. Detail was shared.

It was noted that the East CCG is not represented at the SSCG. There are concerns that there is a rising risk level developing in this area. Clair Harvey (SCC) said that there is a new CCG safeguarding lead due to start to cover Waveney and Norfolk. Tim Sykes (Safeguarding) said that Waveney CCG is represented on the Safeguarding Board and if required he could act as a conduit for information and make links between the groups.

Dates of next meetings:

30 March 2017
17 August 2017
12 October 2017
14 December 2017
15 February 2018
12 April 2018
14 June 2018