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To:- All Committee Members

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD - THURSDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 2017

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at the next Thursday, 14th December, 2017 meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board, the following reports on the agenda sent out recently.

Agenda No Item

55. Updates from Board members (Pages 3 - 8)

To receive an update on the work of the following:

- Community Safety Partnership;
Priority 1 – Enabling and empowering resilient communities
- Healthwatch Wokingham Borough;
Priorities 1-4
- Voluntary Sector;
- Business, Skills and Enterprise Partnership;
- Place and Community Partnership.

(25 mins)

Yours sincerely

Manjeet Gill
Interim Chief Executive

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| TITLE | Board Member Update – Community Safety Partnership |
| FOR CONSIDERATION BY | Health & Wellbeing Board on 14 December 2017 |
| WARD | None Specific |
| DIRECTOR/ KEY OFFICER | Superintendent Shaun Virtue, Graham Ebers, Director Corporate Services (Joint Chairs of CSP) |

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| Health and Wellbeing Strategy priority/priorities most progressed through the report | Enabling and empowering resilient communities |
| Key outcomes achieved against the Strategy priority/priorities | Community safety and crime reduction priorities can support the achievement of health improvement outcomes and vice versa. This paper outlines possible areas of joint work to support the delivery of the Wokingham Community Safety Strategy. |

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is in the process of pulling together local crime, substance misuse and ASB data as part of the evidence base for the development of the Community Safety Strategy for 2018-2021.

Current Situation

In the past Community Safety Priorities have focussed on the reduction of high volume crime (for example burglary and vehicle crime). Wokingham is a low crime borough, and this approach has ensured that it remains a safe place to live, work and study. However, a review of crime data carried out in September 2016, found that there was a concerning increase in the number of crimes which cause most harm to victims. This includes;

- violence against the person offences (29% increase from 2015)
- sexual offences (34.2% increase from 2015)

Police crime analysis has shown that the increase in sexual offences is due in part to historic sexual abuse, and an element of the increase violence is due to 'county line' dealing which often involves organised gangs, often from London. Whilst these figures have recently stabilised (October 2017 data shows that violence against the person offences were down 8% from last year), addressing violence should be a priority.

There are also areas of crime in Wokingham where local patterns differ from national and regional trends. For example the number of race hate crime incidents (down 6% in October 2017) and domestic violence incidents (down 10% in October 2017) have decreased during this period, but regionally there is a trend towards increased domestic violence reporting and nationally there is an increase in race hate crime reports.

As there low numbers of incidents in Wokingham it is often difficult to ascertain the reasons behind trends, and figures can be contradictory (other forms of domestic and hate crimes show increased reports). Regardless, the CSP needs to be confident that

these figures reflect an actual reduction in numbers not a loss of confidence i.e. vulnerable people feeling that they are unable to report crimes to the police.

Emerging Trends

Finally, in addition to the above areas there are other emerging trends that are equally concerning but there is little available data to enable analysis. This includes;

- Modern slavery - We do not know how many people are involved or at risk within Wokingham Borough area, but we know that the Police have identified victims in Wokingham and Bracknell in 2017.
- Adult and child exploitation - which can take number of forms for example criminal, sexual, financial. Wokingham has made progress in addressing the needs of children at risk of sexual exploitation, for example the local child sexual exploitation strategy ensures that approximately 40 young people a year affected by CSE have access to appropriate services. However, less is known about the other forms of exploitation.
- Cybercrime – this includes risk of online radicalisation, underage sexting, fraud, harassment etc. Thames Valley Police recorded 43 cyber related crimes in Wokingham during 2016/7, but there is no further analysis on the nature of those crimes.

Other data suggests that the above figures do not reflect the real number of incidents. During November 2015 to Feb 2016, a South East cyber-crime survey was completed by 11,600 people and 84% of people had experienced some form of 'attempted' cyber-crime in the previous 12 months, especially fraudulent emails. (Thames Valley Partnership Cyber Crime Strategy 2017-20)

Government research shows that Vulnerable and isolated people can be at particular risk of cybercrime.

In light of the above the Community Safety Partnerships strategy next year will focus on address the needs of the most vulnerable people affected by crime. Whether as victims, offenders or at risk communities.

This is an approach which is in line with local priorities for example Wokingham proposals to expand the Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy to address all forms of exploitation, and the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioners Policing and Crime Plan's to address vulnerability through partnership working.

Partner Implications

Working with partnership with stakeholders in particular the Health and Wellbeing structures will be a necessary part of delivering this new approach.

A refresh in respect of the Health and Wellbeing Agenda will provide the opportunity for Health and Wellbeing Board to agree the development of joint outcomes and actions to enable them to address the needs of vulnerable people in partnership.

Emerging evidence from both the developing Public Health Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the Community Safety Strategic Assessment (SA) show that the most vulnerable victims and offenders, are those who have the highest level of

health needs i.e. mental ill-health, chronic physical health conditions and drug and alcohol misuse. Therefore addressing the needs of this cohort should lead to improvements in health outcomes and the demand on public services for example the ambulance service.

This could include:

- Joint work to address loneliness in isolated people which make them less vulnerable to forms of exploitation including cybercrime, criminal and sexual exploitation.
- Improve data collection particularly around the needs of offenders and victims with complex needs or repeat or multiple users of public services with the aim of developing targeted interventions.
- Ensure that there are support services in place for those who have been affected by the most serious crimes for example victims of violence and sexual violence. This would include the development of assessment processes and referral pathways.

A further consideration in respect of Partnership working is in relation to a greater joined up approach with Bracknell Forest Borough Council, consistent with the local Policing arrangements. The sharing of best practice, joint strategies and policies (where it makes sense) and joint working will be features of this, whilst maintaining the individual identity of Wokingham's CSP.

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| List of Background Papers |
| CSP Priorities Presentation |

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Season's greetings
from everyone
at Healthwatch

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Healthwatch Update for Wokingham HWBB – 14 Dec 2017 5pm

Suffolk Lodge - a dementia friendly environment This report details an informal visit to a purpose-built care home for older people with dementia. The aim was to pilot a new observational tool that identifies key elements of a healthy environment for people with dementia. Using observation, the team was able to offer specific solutions to improve the environment of the lodge. There was tangible impact as the home will be implementing the changes highlighted by Healthwatch. The provider even invited Healthwatch to come back next year for an annual check-up!

Brighter Berkshire “Wellness in Wokingham” event. Over 80 attendees, 20 stalls, Speakers inc:

- Darrel Gale
- Anne-Marie Gawen, Brighter Berkshire Wokingham
- 2 speakers who spoke about their mental health challenges and how they had recovered - Nick Winter and Chris Downes.

Highlighted the importance of holistic health care. Whole person needs to be taken into consideration including the emotional, physical, social and spiritual states of wellbeing. WBC & CCG have been exploring the possibility of setting up a Recovery College in Wokingham, which takes much more of an educational approach to addressing mental health and equips individuals with the knowledge and skills to get on with life, despite mental illness.

This event adds huge weight to alternative more holistic, person centered, integrated models of mental health care being considered by Wokingham Borough commissioners and providers.

Shared our intelligence with CQC prior to time of WMC inspection – we had concerns around stories from protected characteristic groups not getting access to services (carers/LD)

Prospect Park Hospital Enter & View, took place in conjunction with the 5 other HWs in Berkshire over a 7 day period, 11 visits between Monday 23 October and Sunday 29 October 2017, of 1.5 hours duration each, either at 9.45am, 2pm or 7.45pm.

This joint working means we were able to collect the views of a large number of people – more than 40 ((24 female, 17 male, a mix of voluntary or ‘sectioned’ inpatients, completed surveys, plus eight people took part in a group talk.))



We also observed the environment where they were cared for. This is believed to be the biggest number of psychiatric inpatients interviewed at one time for any similar project carried out by any of the 152 local Healthwatch in England.

Over the coming months...

Supporting LINK Visiting Scheme to run a Sunday Community kitchen to reduce isolation and loneliness (using questionnaires pre and 6 weeks post)

Roadtesting how well understood/ adhered to the Accessibility Standard is in primary care settings across the Borough.

Launching a coffee companions pilot in Wokingham town centre in conjunction with Brown Bag

Liaising with CAMHS about us doing a piece of work around transition.