

TITLE	Board Member Update – Community Safety Partnership
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Health & Wellbeing Board on 8 February 2018
WARD	None Specific
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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.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

On the 14 December, the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) presented a paper to the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) outlining its plans to develop a Community Safety Strategy for 2018/2021.

That paper highlighted the CSP’s emerging crime related priorities most closely linked to Health and Wellbeing outcomes. This paper aims to update the HWB on progress in developing the new Community Safety Strategy:

- At the CSP Board meeting on the 13 December, CSP partners agreed to take on vulnerability and exploitation as one its priorities. This will include linking into local modern slavery partnerships, supporting the development of services to meet the needs of vulnerable offenders and victims, and improving referral pathways to appropriate services.
- On the 25 January the Domestic Violence Strategic Group agreed to expand its remit to include the wider violence against women and girls (VAWG) agenda i.e. crimes where women and girls are disproportionately affected as victims, such as sexual violence, FGM, ‘honour based violence’, and online grooming.

In order to ensure that the interventions we develop meet local needs, the CSP and Children’ Safeguarding Board plans to organise a conference for partners to explore VAWG and related issues. The event is tentatively scheduled for April 2018.

- Addressing substance misuse amongst young people, particularly the increased use of high strength cannabis. This will be done through a public awareness campaign in Spring/Summer 2018, highlighting the dangers of ‘skunk’ to both young people and their parents/carers. In addition, a comprehensive substance misuse strategy will be presented to the CSP for sign off on the 22 February 2018.

<p>Partner Implications</p> <p>Health partners are fully engaged in the CSP and its various subgroups, and are therefore well placed to support the Police, Council and other partners to deliver the crime reduction priorities in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health partners are active participants in the Domestic Abuse Strategic Group and will support the implementation of the VAWG agenda by commissioning support services, training and developing interventions. • Wokingham Council's Public Health Service, the interim CSP Partnership Manager and the Council's Substance Misuse Commissioner will present a paper to the Wokingham Youth Offending Service's Management Board in April/May 2018 outlining further partnership actions to address substance misuse by children and young people. • One of the main ways that the Community Safety strategy will address the needs of vulnerable and exploited victims and offenders is by improving their access to mainstream services including GPs, sexual health clinics and other health services. Key to this will be the development of good partnership links with Health Services at both a strategic and operational level.
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List of Background Papers
None

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