

TITLE **Community Safety Partnership update**

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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 The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) continues to deliver its work plan through the actions of the various subgroups which report into it. Health partners including Public Health Officers, the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG), and the Mental Health Trusts are actively engaged in each subgroup, supporting the operational delivery of key projects.

Some of the main priorities that the CSP has been addressing through its subgroups include:

- The Police, young people services and members of the public are reporting increased levels of substance misuse within both Wokingham and neighbouring areas such as Bracknell. This includes the use of cannabis and alcohol as well as Xanax (benzodiazepine) and in some instances traces of Class A substances (heroin and cocaine) have been found. The increase in substance misuse is also linked to increased ASB by young people in Wokingham.

In addition, cannabis has become more of a cause for concern for professionals. Health professionals have reported that some mothers have stated that they are using cannabis during their pregnancies. Further, our domestic violence service reports that cannabis use is implicated in a number of their recent cases.

The CSP plans to address this in two ways:

- a) to address young people's substance misuse the police and partners are implementing a multi-agency project called Project Orca which includes enforcement, diversion activities and referring young people to support services if needed.
 - b) the CSP will also be running a substance misuse awareness campaign in partnership with the Public Health service to alert parents and professionals of the dangers of substance misuse. The campaign will be launched in April 2018.
- There has been a renewed emphasis on Prevent (the government counter terrorism strategy) by the Home Office and the Police. There are two trends that

central government is particularly concerned about a) British families returning from warzones and resettling within the UK, as they are likely to have a high level of mental and physical health need and b) young unaccompanied asylum seekers who may be vulnerable to radicalisation.

The Home Office has recently issued guidance to local Authority Chief Executives and Directors of Children' Services on how to support returning families as well as address the needs of young asylum seekers.

- In keeping with the new emphasis on addressing vulnerability and demand management Thames Valley Police and the CSP are working together to ensure that vulnerable children, victims and offenders who come into frequent contact with the Police service receive appropriate support and interventions.

The plan is to review and identify the most vulnerable cohort of victims, offenders and children and work together to ensure that they are appropriately case managed.

Partner Implications

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:

Recommendations

- The increase in substance misuse will require a long term multi-faceted approach. It may be worth looking at substance misuse in depth at a Health and Wellbeing Board meeting to ensure our approach is addressing all current and emerging issues.
- The implementation of the next iteration of the Prevent Strategy will require the support of health partners. This includes supporting and training GPs and other frontline professionals who may come into contact with families returning from Syria and making sure that mental health services in particular understand how to refer vulnerable people to the Channel Panel process.

There is currently good and engaged attendance by health partners at the Prevent Strategy groups, and they are committed to taking actions, for example rolling out the Prevent e-training.

However it is worth raising Prevent issues at a more strategic level to ensure a consistent approach across health organisations, and if appropriate circulate relevant Home Office and other guidance documents to ensure practice is always consistent.

- Health services are a key partner in the development of interventions to support vulnerable people, particularly those who have frequent contact with public services. It would be useful if health partners could support the CSP and Police by:

- Sharing information on vulnerable people where appropriate.
- Including the CSP in any health and social service demand reduction projects to ensure the needs of people who make high demands on crime related agencies are included.

List of Background Papers

None

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