



Safer Essex Meeting
Wed 24th June 2015 10am-12pm
Council Chamber, Chelmsford City Council

Date:	Wednesday 24 th June 2015	
Time:	10-12	
Venue:	Chelmsford City Council Chamber	
Chairman:	Nicola Beach – Chief Executive, Braintree District Council	
Attendees:	Nicola Beach (Chair)	Braintree District Council
	Susannah Hancock (Vice-chairman)	Office of the Police Commissioner (OPCC)
	Jo Jacobs (Notes)	Essex County Council (ECC)
	Reshma Madhi (Notes)	ECC
	Paul Bedwell	ECC
	Cllr Kay Twitchen on behalf of Cllr Hirst	ECC
	Spencer Clarke	Chelmsford Community Safety Partnership (CSP) also representing Maldon CSP
	Nick Alston	Police and Crime Commissioner
	ACC Matthew Horne	Kent and Essex Police
	A/D. Sup Stuart Hooper	Kent and Essex Police
	Craig Carrington	Essex Police
	Caroline Launder	Essex Criminal Justice Board
	Melanie Rundle	Colchester CSP
	Graham Browne on behalf of Jodie Bridge / Matt Harwood White (departed)	Rochford CSP
	Leanne Thornton	Tendring CSP
	Jane Dewitt	ECRC
	Helena Goodwin (<u>declared an interest</u>)	Essex CRC and Essex Police
	Julie Chandler on behalf of Cllr Gary Waller	Epping Forest DC
	Paula Mason	Basildon CSP
	Jason Read	Thurrock YOS and CSP
	Donna Finch	Essex Fire and Rescue
	Danny Gatehouse	Essex Fire and Rescue
	Chris English on behalf of Tracy Parry	Braintree CSP
	Marysia Rudgley	Harlow CSP
	Richard Holmes	Maldon DC
	Lindsay Whitehouse	OPCC
	Godfrey Isaacs	Castlepoint



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	Bob Penny	Colchester CSP
	Peter Kay	Youth Offending ECC
	Dipti Patel	Southend
	Laurel Juniper	Essex Probation
	Rob Clavey	HMP Chelmsford
	Cllr Linda McWilliams	Tendring CSP

Apologies:	Gaynor Bradley	Uttlesford CSP
	Helen Carter	HM Prison Service
	Adam Eckley	Essex Fire and Rescue
	Ben Hughes	ECC
	Simon Ford	Southend
	Tracey Parry	Braintree CSP
	Mary Archer	Essex Community Rehabilitation Company (ECRC)
	Alex Bamber	ECRC
	Jane Greer	Harlow CSP
	Greg Myddleton	OPCC
	Ch. Supt. Luke Collison	Essex Police
	Cllr Hirst	ECC
	Michelle Cunningham	Thurrock Council
	Gareth Olive	Thurrock Council
	Tracy Rudling	CCVS
	David Messam	National Probation Service
	Shirley Kennerson	National Probation Service
	Cllr Gary Waller	Epping Forest DC
	Jane Gardner	ECC

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome and Apologies – Nicola Beach Apologies noted and introductions made.	
2.	Declarations of Pecuniary or other interests None received.	
3.	Minutes of the last meeting – 10-12-2014 Approved for accuracy. One or two amendments were made and noted if any organisation names are not quite correct this will be amended. No further matters arising. Minutes agreed.	



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4	<p>Nick Alston, Police and Crime Commissioner – presentation on plans and priorities for 2015/16</p> <p>There is a need to broaden the tremendous support given to domestic abuse to wider hidden harms.</p> <p>There are more than 200 trained ambassadors, while child sexual exploitation is now a national level concern. The focus is on working together to address higher level threats as well as core issues. There needs to be collaboration, even at times of financial stretch.</p> <p>There has been an increase of serious sexual offences this year. The PCC's Victims Gateway website has gone live, so please contact with any feedback or suggestions regarding this.</p> <p>There is a fast changing police agenda, with more thought to regional policing structures and capabilities, an increased focus on local policing and what it means against cuts. The PCC and CC will be going public in September with outlined changes, in relation to the police estate, where police should be operating from, moving towards a more visible, accessible presence on the high street backed by good channels of communication. This is a major programme that will last 5-10 years, Chief Constable and PCC are still taking decisions on this but it will have significant public focus.</p> <p>Of strong interest is more to be done to reduce reoffending. Nick expressed thanks to the group as any reduction in crime is due to what those here are doing daily. On a national level, there is discussion to collaborate between areas, such as with the pressured health service. For example, in Sunderland, they are using joined up data and making it work, which is getting national attention for its open sharing and is a bold move that can be done in Essex.</p> <p>Cllr Twitchen asked that thought be given to improving communication from the police and PCC to all Members and staff across organisations as on occasion key messages have not filtered down the organisation. Paula Mason made a point about the recent letter from Essex Police to local authorities about the fact that there would</p>	Nick Alston
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	<p>now be no police response to lower or medium risk anti-social behaviour. She asked what impact this would have on Councils and others. Nick accepted this and said there is a need to work much more collaboratively. The Chair added this has not yet been discussed locally so will need to be picked up. Susannah and Nicola gave a commitment to discuss the issue in more detail with Essex Police and feedback.</p> <p>Donna Finch informed that Essex Fire and Rescue are seeking views on its integrated risk management plan, in order to drive forward and build a future of prevention over response. This is currently out for consultation. The Chair mentioned blue light interventions / collaborations and asked if Essex Police and Fire services can come together and discuss the issue before going public. Nick said there is the added complexity of how to organise regionally as well as locally, so it is not about merging but more about how to best deliver services locally and remain focused on keeping communities safe.</p> <p>Helena Goodwin asked about community agents and the voluntary sector. Nick spoke about the importance of linking VCS and volunteers together and highlighted how, for example, Mind has nine groups working separately and asked how we can link projects up so that the sectors can work more efficiently.</p>	<p>Nicola Beach/Susannah Hancock</p>
5	<p>DHR Thematic Review - report and recommendations</p> <p>Paul Bedwell presented on the DHR review report. He spoke of how reviews had been conducted over the last couple of years and the learning from them. There were a number of recommendations coming out of the review. Next steps are for a working group to take forward implementation of the action plan, with regular reports back to Safer Essex. Susannah and Paul to take forward this work in partnership with CSPs.</p> <p>Paula Mason mentioned the need to ensure the impact of recommendations can be measured, how to capture this sensitive information and ensure it is circulated across</p>	<p>Paul Bedwell/Susannah Hancock</p>



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	<p>appropriate agencies.</p> <p>This would be reported back on in six months' time.</p>	
6	<p>Prevent agenda – to increase understanding and agree any actions</p> <p>To be deferred to the September agenda. Information to be circulated about national roadshows.</p>	<p>Nicola Beach (done)</p>
7	<p>Evidence base – A/E data – update on Task and Finish Group work</p> <p>An update on work to conduct information sharing of anonymous data collected from A&E admissions for violent incident reduction. This was found to be a bit patchy across Essex, so a small task group was set up. So far, there has been a good practice model (Cardiff model), which shows a 35% reduction, demonstrating there are benefits of proactively sharing across the partnership. Hospitals found not yet to be sharing data are Colchester, Harlow and Southend so these three hospitals became part of a target approach. A meeting took place with Southend, which was very positive. They gave now agreed to data-sharing by September '15. The OPCC is still trying to arrange a meeting with Colchester. A meeting with Princess Alexandra Hospital is due to take place shortly where we hope to progress the issue with Harlow.</p> <p>There are now real signs of progress. Good work is already happening in Chelmsford. , There is an aim to collate information and share on a countywide basis.</p> <p>Spencer Clarke explained processes were looked at with Broomfield and data was used to see where violence is happening in the city centre. It can also cover other areas like Maldon and Braintree and be used for things like linking up A&E data with CCTV data. The Chair asked what the feedback has been so far from A&E. Spencer informed it is still early to pin down but it is appreciated there is communication on what is being done and when changes are made.</p>	<p>Susannah Hancock</p>



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	<p>Godfrey Isaacs welcomed the work and was happy for information to be shared but was concerned as Thurrock does not receive information, so would be important to work together to alleviate pressure on A&E departments. Leanne Thornton expressed being very disappointed in Colchester as there had been numerous requests for information to be handed over.</p>	
8	<p>Feedback from other Boards or networks</p> <p>Domestic Abuse Board</p> <p>The draft DA commissioning strategy was presented to the last DA Board for discussion. It had been developed with partners including VCS. It is still out for consultation / feedback, due to be signed off at the next Board.</p> <p>The charity Safe Lives presented at the Board on the Perpetrator pilot programme (called the Drive project). It will focus in Tendering and Colchester in the first instance.</p> <p>Laurel asked if they are working with CRC, which Susannah confirmed it is. Paula asked how the pilot areas were chosen, with Susannah responding it was led by where the volumes were.</p> <p>Reducing Reoffending Board</p> <p>Lindsay Whitehouse introduced himself as DPCC and new Chair of the Reducing Reoffending Board. He outlined the work and remit of the RR Board, with one key area of focus being IOM. DPCC and new Chair of the Reducing Reoffending Board. He outlined the work and remit of the RR Board, with one key area of focus being IOM. Helena Goodwin (IOM co-ordinator) is tasking forward with an action plan, which the board will have oversight of. Once confirmed, this will be communicated.</p>	<p>Susannah Hancock</p> <p>Lindsay Whitehouse</p>
9	<p>Serious Organised Crime Local Profile – presentation Restricted document.</p> <p>The counter terrorism profiles are not additional work but a better intelligence base for local decisions such as</p>	<p>ACC Matthew Horne / T/D Supt. Stuart Hooper</p>



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	<p>CSPs. There is a gap between national and local capabilities, so it is about using products to collectively understand more. NCA and serious crime needs local engagement because some criminal groups are transient. It is about defining what a local profile is, identifying threats, management of risk and law enforcement, how it is likely to impact and prioritising what threats look like. Child sexual abuse and exploitation is the no. 1 threat.</p> <p>CSPs working with local officers is key and the plan is for a wider, strategic approach among all partnership agencies. Before, it was looked at from serious, specialist and senior officers but now it is for local neighbourhood police, PCSOs and wardens so is a multi- agency focus. The outcome might not be law enforcement led and all agencies will be shared information if appropriate.</p> <p>A national centre holding all data can find out where criminal groups are operating as it is co-ordinated across the UK, with high density locally in the Eastern region and London. There are 60 mapped organised crime groups in Essex, with a fair spread across the county. Although the majority have an impact on the drugs network, it is also being seen to operate in slavery and cheap labour, impacting the economy and community locally.</p> <p>When intelligence on a high level is gained, it lacks getting as much as it should from the ground up so local partnerships have a key role. It is unknown how organised crime groups are impacting our communities, so a true picture of harm needs to be found out. It is hoped to improve next year with joint analysts looking at social, economic and drug market data, which often mirrors where crime groups are.</p> <p>It was asked if Police have engaged with the Fire Service. Matthew Horne said there was a representative at the committee / meeting. Laurel Juniper pointed out CRC and Probation were not included in a presentation chart and for this to be considered.</p> <p>Nick Alston asked the group if this was exciting or daunting for CSPs. Dipti Patel felt it was really helpful and from a Southend perspective, as this area was high on profiling, the question is what can be done collectively?</p>	
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	<p>Horne agreed the data richness will get better.</p> <p>Paula Mason asked if this meant not having an LPA meeting and added the priorities do not include Basildon despite the high levels of crime reported in the area. Horne explained it is left to local partners to make decisions and priorities will fail if taken away from local contacts, as it is for them to have a wider understanding.</p> <p>Craig Carrington mentioned in Harlow there was collaboration, with all partners contacted to contribute and people being aware of how wide scale the problem is refreshing rather than daunting.</p> <p>Action - Cllr Twitchen to ask Jane Gardner to look into whether Trading Standards are involved in this and whether there is a representative from Essex CC on this.</p>	
10	<p>AOB</p> <p>Future meeting dates and venue for 2015</p> <p>All meetings will be held in the Council Chamber at Chelmsford City Council Offices;</p> <p>10am-12pm - 23rd September 2015 10am-12pm - 9th December 2015</p> <p>Dates for 2016 are confirmed as;</p> <p>10-12 16th March 10-12 15th June 10-12 21st September 10-12 14th December</p> <p>All meetings will be held in the Council Chamber at Chelmsford City Council Offices.</p>	
	<p>Forward Plan</p> <p>23rd September 2015</p> <p>Simon Hart, Independent Chairman of Adult and Children Safeguarding Boards</p>	



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	<p>Drugs Testing on arrest – Spencer Clarke Restorative justice – Emma Callaghan (RJ Development Manager, OPCC) Reducing Reoffending Board and IOM – Lindsay, OPCC Domestic Abuse analytics and work to identify vulnerable victims - CI Tom Simons, Essex Police</p> <p>9th December 2015</p> <p>Safer Places IDVA and new contract – Janet Dalrymple Volunteer police cadet programme – Gwanwyn, OPCC</p>	
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