



## **SAFER PORTSMOUTH PARTNERSHIP**

NOTES OF A MEETING of the Partnership held on Thursday 14 January 2010 at 9.00am in Conference Room A, Civic Offices, Portsmouth.

(NB: These minutes should be read in conjunction with the agenda for the meeting.)

### **Partners Present**

David Williams, PCC Chief Executive (Chair)  
Sarah Beattie, Local Delivery Unit Manager, Portsmouth and IOW, Hampshire Probation  
David Peacock, Portsmouth BCU Commander, Hampshire Constabulary  
John Turner, University of Portsmouth  
Paul Edmondson-Jones, Direct of Improving Health and Quality, Portsmouth City Teaching Primary Care Trust  
Charlie Adie, CX Motiv8 and Voluntary Sector Rep  
Charles Burns, Community Network Rep  
Mark Poingdestre, Cranstoun Drug Services  
Jeff Ballard, Wessex Youth Offending Team  
Councillor Paula Riches, Police Authority  
Councillor Andy Fraser, Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority

### **Support Officers**

Rachael Dalby, Head of Community Safety, PCC  
Lisa Wills, Strategy and Partnership Manager, PCC  
Alan Knobel, Substance Misuse Co-ordinator, SPP  
Sally Jackson, Hidden Violence & Abuse Manager, PCC  
Alan Leonard, Community Safety Researcher, SPP  
Heather-Fiona Craig, Marketing Communications Officer, SPP  
Ch Insp James Fulton, Hampshire Constabulary  
Supt Neil Sherrington, Hampshire Constabulary  
Clayton Coombs, Hampshire Probation Service  
Barry Dickinson, Joint Commissioning Manager, SPP  
Nic Christie, Partnership Support Officer, SPP  
Karen Martin, Democratic Support Officer, PCC  
  
Edward Skinner, Trading Standards

## **1 Apologies for Absence and Introductions (AI 1)**

The Chair, David Williams opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and asking for introductions. It was reported that apologies had been received from Kevin Evenett, Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service.

## **2 Minutes of Previous Meeting – 3 December 2009 (AI 2)**

**DECISION:** The minutes were approved as a correct record.

## **3. Matters Arising from the Minutes – 3 December 2009 (AI 4)**

**4 (ii) Joint Commissioning (page 5)** – Lisa Wills reported that part of the decision relating to this item included the reallocation of 30% of the salary of the Joint Commissioning Manager to the Partnership and that, in order to help achieve key objectives, it was to be used to increase the capacity of a Drug Strategy Officer (from 3 days p/w to 5 days p/w).

Councillor Paula Riches asked about support for alcohol and Alan Knobel replied that in terms of cost and volume, drug abuse is the bigger problem as it feeds both acquisitive and violent crime. Paul Edmondson-Jones added that another decision at the last meeting had been approval for an Alcohol Support Officer and that the decision to increase the capacity of a Drug Strategy Officer would provide a balance for drugs and alcohol support.

## **4. Strategic Discussion and Decision Items (AI 5)**

### **(i) Confidence/ Communications/ Community Engagement**

David Williams reported the outcomes from the Theme Champions Meeting, held on 4 January 2010. He summarised these as being:

- Broad discussion of the background to NI 21 and concerns about seeking to increase apparent confidence in the public in isolation from tackling the issues of crime and disorder;
- That emphasis should be given to publicising that the members are working in partnership rather than the Partnership itself;
- That it was important for positive messages about Portsmouth to be conveyed and that these needed to be geographically targeted at neighbourhood level;
- Discussion about an appropriate target for NI 21 and that this should be relative (eg. top quartile of the Home Office CDRP family) rather than absolute and that Jo Crookes would be consulted on this;
- The development of an appropriate action plan and priorities were discussed and that these comprised:

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- Focus and targeting of the marketing campaign
- Partners being seen to work alongside each other and listening to the public at a neighbourhood level
- The importance of engaging across services eg. LSP and Children's Trust
- IPSOS MORI research seemed to have highlighted drivers to confidence and that further work was required in this area
- Increase Councillor engagement and attendance at community tasking meetings
- That, although very well received, the proposal to change the SPP logo was not a priority at present.

Councillor Paula Riches said that partners needed to ensure that members were provided with information about meetings as she felt that they were very keen to engage through these meetings. David Peacock agreed that it was important for members to attend Community Tasking Meetings and that they had all received a letter encouraging them to do so co-signed by PCC's Chief Executive and himself.

James Fulton suggested that a Theme Champion be appointed for this area. David Williams replied that this had been considered but that the Theme Champions felt that it was a matter for all to work on.

**DECISION: It was agreed the CTCG co-ordinator would ensure all Councillors were encouraged to attend Community Tasking Meetings.**

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**(ii) Aligning Partner Resources**

David Williams informed the meeting that Irene Lucas, the new Director General, Local Government and Regeneration (Chief Executive of South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council since 2002) was coming to Portsmouth on 10 February to attend an event which would provide an opportunity for LSP and PUSH sub-regional partners to come together to develop a shared understanding of 'Total Place'.

Lisa Wills introduced the 'Parallel Place Pilot' report which had been circulated by email before the meeting, stating that it reflected the outcomes from the previous meeting. She asked those present to note the information from Jo Crookes attached as Appendix B2 – 'Crime & reducing re-offending' and in particular the £149.1m spend on community safety in Lewisham. Lisa Wills asked Partners to agree the recommendations in the report and the proposal to Improvement & Efficiency South East (attached to the report as Appendix C) adding that she hoped to have this posted on the website before the end of January in order to appoint the Local Improvement Advisor.

In discussion the following points were made:

- Paul Edmondson-Jones (referring to point 3.1) felt that the apparent 'sudden death' of the Area Based Grant (ABG) resulting in staff being put "at risk" was misleading as the ABG was likely to be replaced in some form. He suggested adding the words "may be" before "put at

risk". Referring to point 3.2, Mr Edmondson-Jones added that the SPP budget comprised more than the ABG and BCU and that the work covered encompassed all aspects of community safety, not just crime and disorder.

- Charlie Adie suggested that point 3.1 (Background) in the 'Parallel Place' Pilot paper should additionally mention the voluntary sector as it contributed a significant amount of work in this area and that the paper should also reflect Portsmouth's relationship with Hampshire. He added that he agreed with the ethos of the project as it reflected the national focus currently. Finally, he said that conclusions would need to be drawn reference performance monitoring and that it would need to be evidenced that a particular project had a specific impact on needs and that this evidence should be used to inform future commissioning.

In response to a question from Neil Sherringham, Lisa Wills said that the Action Learning Set would evolve over time.

**DECISION: Parallel Place Pilot report and its appendices were agreed subject to some amendments to reflect the discussion.**

The chair changed the order of business to discuss the IDVA Service item next.

**(iii) IDVA Service**

Sally Jackson presented a chart showing levels of violence against women and girls in the area and the cost to services of domestic violence (DV) and sexual violence (SV). This contained revised information relating to the population figure as requested at the last meeting. She also outlined the costs to the city in terms of hard cash (£18m – eg. court costs) and the human cost (£57m – eg. time off work, inability to parent properly). She added that early intervention and IDVA projects reduce repeat offences.

Ms Jackson thanked Paul Edmondson-Jones and the PCT for indicating that £25,000 would be contributed to the service as this would allow it to continue to June 2010. She added that work was underway to investigate whether some aspects could be taken in house at PCC and that a number of bids for funding had and were being made, including to the voluntary sector.

Putting the project into perspective, Ms Jackson stated that the national focus in this area was on women and girls but that anyone needing the service would be seen. She added that a new national strategy (<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/documents/vawg-strategy-2009/>) required co-ordinated working and suggested the lead be taken at LSP level especially with regard to funding issues. There was a requirement for partnership work to be in place by April 2011.

On funding, Lisa Wills and James Fulton added that approximately £11,500 of the £25,000 mentioned by Ms Jackson was a contribution from the BCU fund which was underspent. David Peacock added that he was content for

these funds to be allocated to the IDVA service but also felt that other partners should have the opportunity of contributing to the discussion.

In response to a question from Councillor Paula Riches about the accuracy of the British Crime Survey data to Portsmouth, Sally Jackson responded that the costs of crime (2004) had been recently updated by Sylvia Walby. Councillor Riches added that she would be happy to support funding bids to the Police Authority for this project.

The next item was discussed before a decision on funding for the IDVA Service was made (however this decision is given here for clarity).

**DECISION: That for reasons of immediate need and impact on an important service, it was agreed to allocate the sums available from the BCU fund (£11,500) to the IDVA service.**

**(iv) Drug Treatment Plan and NTA Feedback**

Barry Dickinson gave a powerpoint presentation 'Review of Progress against Annual Adult Drug Treatment Plan 2009/10 and Priorities for 2010/11', summarised as follows:

2009/10 Treatment Plan Priorities and Progress made

- Continue to increase number of PDUs engaging in effective treatment:
  - Further assertive outreach work required;
  - Timely access to prescribing within target;
  - Inclusive engagement policies having an impact with 80-90% retention being seen;
  - Assessment/ triage review to ensure maximum access was to be piloted over the next quarter;
  - Development of shared services on target;
  - Prescribing and non-medical options designed to meet client needs being reviewed.
- Develop/ expand improved care pathways:
  - Holistic care planning through staff development and inter-agency work being continued;
  - Structured psycho-social interventions expanded with a marked improvement in attendance at Cranstoun;
  - Positive discharge numbers up from 15% to 26% but still in the bottom quartile nationally (National Drug Treatment Monitoring Programme);
  - Broader access routes into structured treatment (direct access counselling) implemented.
- Implement 16-24 specific service:
  - New provider service going in to All Saints Hostel to create a one-stop shop;
  - Appointed project manager (starts 15 Feb 2010) with aim of accelerating the programme.
- Improve services for families of drug using parents:
  - Use of Link Worker and Peer Development Workers working well with

family focused approach.

- Improve services for stimulant users:
  - Delayed due to gap in staffing;
  - Consultant appointed to start work in this quarter.
- More effective commissioning of tier 4 services:
  - Well used with ambitions to expand further to meet demand and budget requirements;
  - Evaluation of in-patient detox arrangements for drug clients carried forward to next year – looking at value for money and effective use of resources;
- Improve data recording and monitoring around outcomes (TOPS) using contractual levers:
  - Improving but challenging;
  - Action plan since July 2009 with resulting improvements in performance
  - Reviews show now on target but more work needed

#### Trajectory of numbers in effective treatment/ target (graph)

- Retention – good;
- Need to look at difference between planned and unplanned exits;
- Need to look at links to funding and budget allocation.

#### Proposed Priorities 2010/ 11

- Continue to increase numbers in effective treatment with focus on under-represented groups such as stimulant users
- Increase focus on recovery and retention inc. through training and structured interventions, tier 4 commissioning and development of peer advocacy
- Implement ‘think family’ agenda reflecting the national focus on this
- Implement virtual stimulant service
- Re-model Needle Exchange Service to support reduction in spread of BBV/ Hep C including bidding for PCT funding to expand the service from two pharmacies to city-wide access (target 20)
- Increase treatment of 16-25 year olds in treatment using new staff from July 2010 onwards
- Ensure DIP/ IOM/ IDTS working effectively to engage drug using offenders with treatment including the re-tendering of the DIP service, implementation of IDTS and good links between all CJ services

#### Funding Position and Potential Barriers

A number of information gaps in the budget currently. In discussion:

**SB**

- Sarah Beattie undertook to investigate situation with regard to the probation service.

**BD**

- David Peacock suggested that further information about the gaps be provided as some budget provision is given ‘in kind’ as staffing. He added that partners needed to know the potential impact on services given budget pressures so that priorities could be reassessed if necessary

- BD**
- Charles Burns questioned the increased budget from Supporting People – Barry Dickinson to clarify
  - Paul Edmondson-Jones added that there were two kinds of budget pressure, one a cut in funding and the other maintenance of the funding which resulted in a cut in real terms

Barry said the impact on budgets would, for example, be reduced DIP team hours of operation or cuts in referral capacity; reduced tier 4 residential rehabilitation allocations etc.

With regard to barriers, Paul Edmondson-Jones said that a balance would have to be made (i.e. outcomes for individuals and the city versus chasing targets) and that the Parallel Place Pilot might help clarify the totality of the situation.

**(v) Research and Analysis Programme**

Alan Leonard presented a work programme that identified and prioritised projects in line with the findings of the 2009 Strategic Assessment. He added that the work programme included other relevant analysis and research already underway with the Police, Community Safety Team and other partners and that it would be updated regularly to provide an overview of research and analysis being done across partner agencies.

**AL/ SH**

Requests for research and analysis to be undertaken by the SPP researchers would normally be agreed by the relevant Delivery Group.

Over and above these requests, Alan also reported that there was now a 'Request for Research/ Analysis' form to initiate research and analysis projects. It was agreed that the word 'Restricted' should be removed from the 'Request for Research/ Analysis' form.

In discussion it was agreed that the priorities proposed were correct. James Fulton highlighted the Southsea ASB project as an example and Councillor Paula Riches asked if the removal of the dispersal order had contributed to an increase in ASB in the area. Mr Fulton replied that no increase had been seen since the removal of the dispersal order.

Charlie Adie complemented Mr Leonard and Ms Hogan for the work done over the past six months and asked if further enhancements to multi-agency research and analysis could be made. Lisa Wills explained that Helen Walters was leading the Joint Information Unit steering group on behalf of Paul Edmondson-Jones and as the Chair of the LSP. The 'refresh' of the Strategic Assessment would serve as the first 'quarterly report' the Delivery Groups. Quarterly reports for each Delivery Group were being developed by Sam and Alan. She suggested the possibility of working with the Children's Trust to develop a joint evaluation programme.

**Theme  
Champs**

**DW**

Charlie Adie suggested that Theme Champions and Delivery Groups consider core priorities and that these are brought back to the Partnership for consideration.

**DECISIONS:**

- **Theme Champions and Delivery Groups consider core priorities and that these are brought back to the Partnership for consideration.**
- **Chief executive to invite the Children’s Trust to send a representative to a future meeting of the SPP.**

**5. Performance Against Targets (AI 6)**

**(i) Violence Performance**

Deferred.

**(ii) Focus on ASB NI17**

Alan Leonard presented a briefing paper on National Indicator 17 – Perceptions of Anti Social Behaviour stating that Portsmouth was not performing well on this measure and that the data was collected via the Place Survey every two years.

Mr Leonard provided a summary of some of the findings including that:

- 18-34 year olds were most likely to be concerned about all kinds of ASB
- BME residents were also significantly more likely to think that ASB was a problem
- People living in social/ rented housing were likely to consider ASB a problem

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In discussion, David Williams suggested that this kind of analysis might be used to challenge NI 21 and Mark Poingdestre suggested that community stress seemed to affect residents’ views. In response to a question from Councillor Riches (who was concerned that the data did not seem to reflect the issues residents raised with her Alan suggested that there was a need to look at the data geographically. He added that this needed to be done with care as the numbers could be very small if broken down too far. Sally Jackson suggested that communication routes could be an issue as BME groups, for example, would be more likely to miss good new stories in mainstream media.

It was agreed that analysis of this data would help inform targeting and communication routes to residents most likely to feel at risk from ASB.

**6. Officer Update (AI 7)**

**(i) Communications Update**

Heather-Fiona Craig provided a summary of activity on the communications objectives, stating that the re-branding exercise had been shelved for the present, that the memorandum of understanding had been approved and published and that the press coverage evaluation system was up and running. She added that over the past month the main generators of media coverage had been neighbourhoods (cctv/ big brother story), alcohol related

and violence and health.

**H-FC**

Heather-Fiona Craig undertook to circulate a copy of a communications SWOT analysis she had produced after the meeting.

There was some discussion about re-branding SPP but the decision by the Theme Champions that it was not appropriate at the current time was endorsed.

However, partners agreed that if it was necessary to change the colours (eg. of web pages) to help clarity and accessibility then this could be done.

**(ii) Vigilance Programme and Integrated Offender Management (IOM)**

Sarah Beattie reported that co-location was going well. She added that the Vigilance programme comprised four cohorts of offenders including 'revolving door' offenders and that of the 90 identified, 58 were already under the remit of the probation service. Lisa Wills added that, regarding the Vigilance Review, there was a meeting with the Home Office in February to discuss diverting funds towards intervention. Sarah Beattie added further that a funding bid was underway and that if successful IOM would benefit.

**(iii) Finance**

Discussed under Minute No 4(iii) above.

**7. Forward Planning (AI 8)**

New proposed dates highlighted in bold typeface.

23 February 2010	Sign off SPP Plan and commission delivery plans 2011-14
20 May 2010	SPP Delivery Plans
2 July 2010	SPP Awayday
3 September 2010	Chairs of Delivery Group Meeting
16 September 2010	Strategic Assessment and Business Planning
<b>2 December 2010</b>	<b>SPP Priorities/ Resource allocations</b>
<b>13 January 2011</b>	<b>Draft SPP Plan and circulation to partners for approval</b>
<b>3 March 2011</b>	<b>Approve SPP Plan</b>
<b>12 May 2011</b>	<b>SPP Delivery Plans</b>

The meeting concluded at 12.20pm.