



Joint meeting of South Lakeland and Barrow Community Safety Partnerships (CSPS)

Wednesday 3 February 2016

Supper Room, Coronation Hall, Ulverston

Minutes

1. Welcome, introduction and apologies

Present:

Graham Vincent (Chair) Claire Gould, Jenny Draper, Fiona Inston, Simon Blyth SLDC; Vivian Stafford OPCC; Jason McKenna Cumbria Police; Lesley Graham, Graham Bassett CCC; John Wall Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service; Katherine Benson Victim Support; Leith Hallatsch, Mike Cumming CALC, Sarka-Jo Cole YOS; Gary Murray Crimestoppers; Helen Cook Inspira; Stuart National Probation Service; Sue Jamieson Keep Safe.

Apologies:

Lawrence Conway SLDC; Phil Huck BBC; Rob O'Connor Cumbria Police; Mike Conefrey CCC; Jenny Farmer South Cumbria Magistrates; Annette Nixon Cumbria & Lancashire CRC; Andrew Bass CVS.

The chair advised that this was Jenny Draper's last meeting as CSP coordinator and she was thanked for her contribution.

2. Notes from the joint South Lakeland and Barrow CSPs meeting 29 October 2015

Agreed to be an accurate record.

3. South Lakeland & Barrow CSPs – Future working arrangements

The current arrangements for South Lakeland & Barrow CSPs to hold joint meetings, have a joint chair, a joint Partnership Plan and shared coordinator were due to run until March 2016. Options for future arrangements were discussed. The recommendation to continue the current arrangements, with a shared chair, shared coordinator, shared partnership plan, joint priorities and joint meetings was agreed. This would be reviewed in 12 months' time. A new terms of reference would be drafted and circulated for comment. It was agreed to hold the next meeting after district council elections in May and to elect a chair from a statutory partner. These were – Cumbria Police, Cumbria County Council, Barrow Borough Council, South Lakeland District Council, Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group, Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service, Cumbria & Lancashire Community Rehabilitation Company. Graham Vincent would remain as CSP chair until the next meeting.

4. South Lakeland & Barrow CSP Priorities and Partnership Plan 2016-17

The Community Safety Strategic Assessment 2015 summary documents for South Lakeland and Barrow were shared at the joint CSP meeting 29 October 2015. The current priorities were alcohol related crime, including a focus on New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) also known as Legal Highs and acquisitive crime. Partners discussed if there were emerging issues to be addressed and how they could continue to add value at local level and not duplicate work already taking place at county level. It was questioned whether or not there was gap in relation to young people. The Alcohol action plan included several specific projects aimed at young people e.g. resource packs for schools, the NPS projects

and the Community Alcohol Partnership. In addition there was cross over work with the Barrow Health & Wellbeing Forum and Police Vulnerable Locality Index (VLI) project. The existing task groups felt they added value and both chairs recommended continuation of these priorities. It was agreed that they remained the same (alcohol related crime and acquisitive crime), with the South Cumbria Alcohol Strategy Group meeting 4 times a year and the Acquisitive Crime Group meeting twice a year to plan awareness raising campaigns. It was noted that there would be a significant increase in contractors in Barrow during the next 12 months and it was agreed to monitor emerging issues and respond as required.

It was discussed and agreed that the format of the Partnership Plan for 2016/17 remained a single sided A4 document. A draft version would be circulated to members for comment.

5. CSP funding 2015 -16

The amount of funding available to the joint South Lakeland and Barrow CSPs in 2015/16, including an approved carry forward was £37,651. To date, almost £29,000 had been allocated to projects. Two projects were expected to go ahead, but did not have final costs confirmed. This left a potential underspend between £9,000 and £11,000. Following suggestions from task groups, potential projects were to run an additional NPS training day in South Cumbria as attendance at the South Lakeland session was severely affected by the aftermath of Storm Desmond; contribute to the South Cumbria Junior Citizen scheme; provide awareness training for taxi drivers that would include safeguarding & CSE; meet the costs of analysis for NPS samples as part of an ongoing case for Trading Standards and fund a media promotion / awareness raising campaign to tackle acquisitive crime related to substance misuse linked to a 2 week police operation

Agreed as listed:

- 1 x additional NPS training day - £1,325
- Contribution to Junior Citizen 2016 across South Cumbria - £3,500
- Training sessions for taxi drivers across South Cumbria - £2,000

Agreed in principle – subject to a detailed proposal with costs to the CSP:

- Acquisitive Crime campaign across South Cumbria led by Cumbria Police with Crimestoppers - £4,000

Not supported:

- NPS analysis - £750. Members agreed that this work should be undertaken as part of a statutory budget. (Post meeting note – funding had now been made available to undertake this work)

Subject to projects going ahead as anticipated, all funding available to the joint South Lakeland and Barrow CSPs in 2015/16 would be allocated.

6. Domestic Homicide Reviews

When the South Lakeland Domestic Homicide Review was conducted, there was funding via CCC from the Area Based Grant to cover the cost of an external chair. This funding was no longer available and for the most recent DHR in north Cumbria, the PCC provided funding. This was on the proviso that CSP Chairs considered alternative options for how DHR chairs could be sourced and paid for in the future. This task fell to CSP chairs because it was the responsibility of the local CSP to conduct a DHR and provide a report to the Home Office.

One of the suggestions tabled was for CSP statutory partners to each pay an agreed amount of money e.g. £750 per annum into a central pot. This money would be used to cover the costs of a DHR chair in any CSP area in the county. Having an accessible pot of funding would mean that if it was agreed to undertake a review, the respective CSP would be able to access funding for a chair.

There was discussion on how this could be achieved and whether or not this should be a local South Cumbria arrangement or county wide commitment. There was a recognition

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that statutory partners should agree to share the cost of a DHR. It was agreed that further information be requested from Safer Cumbria.

7. Cumbria Constabulary update

Jason McKenna reported on the crime statistics across South Cumbria April – Jan compared to last year. South Cumbria was the best performing area in Cumbria. Although crime numbers had increased the overall forecast showed a downward trend line. ASB had seen a large decrease and violence with and without injury had increased, mainly due to changes in recording standards. Overall, crime had reduced in the Barrow area and increased in South Lakeland. These were mainly violent crime, criminal damage and theft. There was an ongoing operation linked to the night time economy and alcohol related crime. There had been 1.4 burglaries per 1,000 residents in South Cumbria and detection rates were currently above the national average. In the last 12 months, Barrow averaged just over 60 crimes per 1,000 population and South Lakeland just over 36 crimes per 1,000 population.

8. South Lakeland and Barrow CSPs quarter 3 reports 2015/16

South Cumbria Alcohol Strategy Group and NPS (legal highs) update

- Agreed to support the development of a Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) at Ormsgill and aligned to the Vulnerable Locality Index (VLI) pilot boundary. There were over 80 CAPs nationally, funded by the alcohol industry. This was the first in Cumbria, with potential to share learning with other CSPs. Barrow BC had also committed £3k to this project which also linked with the Barrow Health and Wellbeing Forum. Cumbria police to provide a CAP coordinator.
- NPS (Legal highs) training sessions were held in Kendal and Barrow in December. The Kendal session was immediately after storm Desmond and many people were unable to attend. SCASG supported the option to run an additional one off training session
- Trading Standards continued to run under age sales operations which were followed up and multi agency licensing meetings
- The taxi awareness campaign ran prior to Christmas, encouraging people to use licensed taxis and to raise awareness that verbal, physical and racist abuse to divers would not be tolerated
- The Well feasibility study was expected to be completed by end Feb 2016

South Cumbria Acquisitive Crime Group

- Focus remained on rural crime prevention. 2 events held at Ulverston Auction mart and Jct 36 auction centre promoting crime prevention advice including Lock it or Lose it. Partners involved included police, Victim Support, Trading Standards, Age UK, Crimestoppers and Neighbourhood Watch. Group agreed not repeat these events next year, unless a specific need is identified
- Worked with Cumbria police on a combined crime prevention media campaign branded to Lock it or Lose it in December.
- 4 x purse bell events in Dec at Kendal, Windermere, Ulverston & Barrow targeting purse thefts and promotion of personal responsibility to property safe. Partners would include Police, Age UK, Victim Support and N Watch
- Successful operation to tackle Eastern Europeans targeting vulnerable people using debit cards
- Campaigns with Cumbria Tourism and Wheelbase. Event to be held at Wheelbase in March, targeting cycle thefts with information on the prevention of cycle theft to be offered at point of sale. Cumbria Tourism keen to offer crime prevention message in welcome packs for businesses. Jason McKenna to

make a presentation 2 & 3 March to Cumbria Tourism members. Almost 80% of CT members (2,500) are based in South Lakeland
<p>9. Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)</p> <p>A new Police & Crime Commissioner would be elected in May 2016, with responsibility to produce a new Police & Crime Plan by the end of the financial year. There was an expectation that they would want to have a new plan and consultation had commenced on emerging themes. As part of the consultation, partners were invited to make comments directly to Vivian Stafford. Based on the responses an outline plan would be prepared for the new PCC. A briefing event for prospective candidates was scheduled for 22 February.</p>
<p>10. Keep Safe</p> <p>This was a joint CSP project across Cumbria, funded by the PCC. There was no consistent approach to provide target hardening measures to victims of crime or ASB and the service victims previously received depended on where they lived. The Keep Safe project aimed to provide victims of crime with the same level of service. The bulk of referrals would be made by police crime prevention officers, but other agencies could make referrals. Victims could be affected by a range of crimes including ASB, domestic abuse or burglary. Once referred an assessment would be made and if measures were agreed, they would be fitted free of charge. The project was funded until March 2017 and did not replace any existing services e.g. SLDC's handyperson scheme. Agreed to circulate information leaflet to partners (completed)</p>
<p>11. Prevent Duty Guidance</p> <p>All district councils were able to access ring fenced Home Office funding to meet the Prevent duty guidance aimed at the prevention of radicalization. A meeting had been held to discuss a possible joint action plan for Cumbria. A key element of the plan was training for staff at both a general level and a more tailored level for those staff who may be able to identify people who were potentially at risk. Certificated on line training was already available to all organisations free of charge. Cumbria Police's prevent officer agreed to undertake 6 x 1 day training sessions in 2016 across all district council areas, to include CSP partners. This met basic requirements of the Prevent Duty guidance and was reported back to district councils.</p>
<p>12. Potential agenda items for next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Chair • Formally approve Partnership Plan 2016-17 • Presentation of hate crime data – Mohammed Dhalech
<p>13. Future meeting date</p> <p>The next meeting will take place after district council elections, week commencing 23 May, date to be arranged via doodle poll and venue to be confirmed.</p>