

Minutes of the Safer Gloucestershire Board held on 14 January 2020 at 10 am in the Leadon Room, Police HQ, Waterwells

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Attendance:

Andy Barge (AB)	Group Manager, Strategic Support	Cotswold District Council/Publica/ Forest of Dean District Council
Anne Brinkhoff (ABr)	Corporate Director	Gloucester City Council
Chris Brierley (CB)	Chair and Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Tracy Clark (TC)	Young Gloucestershire	Rep VCS Alliance
Andy Dempsey (AD)	Director of Partnerships and Strategy	Gloucestershire County Council
Ruth Greenwood (RG)	Head of Policy, Performance and Strategy	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Craig Holden (CH)	Assistant Chief Constable	Gloucestershire Constabulary
Sophie Jarrett (SJ)	Outcome Manager, Violence Prevention	Gloucestershire County Council
Sarah Jasper (SJa)	Head of Safeguarding Adults	Gloucestershire County Council
Darren Knight (DKn)	Strategy and Engagement Manager	Cheltenham Borough Council
Kate Langley (KL)	Service Manager, Youth Justice & Community Teams	Gloucestershire County Council
Helen Pritchard (HP)	County DASV Strategic Co- ordinator	County Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence
Emma Savage (ES)	Associate Director Self Care, Prevention and Diabetes	Glos Clinical Commissioning Group
Sarah Scott (SS)	Director of Public Health	Gloucestershire County Council
Mark Scully (MS)	LDU Head	National Probation Service
Chris Spencer (CS)	Director of Children's Services	Gloucestershire County Council
Karen Taylor (KT)	Policy Officer, Safer Glos	Gloucestershire County Council
Peter J Tonge (PT)	Head of Community Services	Tewkesbury Borough Council
Ian Tonner (IT)	Area Manager	Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue

In Attendance:

Steve Bean	Detective Superintendent	Gloucestershire Constabulary
Becky Beard	Manager	Restorative Gloucestershire

Louise Boyle	Team Leader	Solace
Tim Browne (TB)	Director of Education	Gloucestershire County Council
Rich Burge	Policy Officer	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Leah Gray	Public Health Consultant	Gloucestershire County Council

No	Item	Action
1	Apologies for absence were received from : Mark Astle (Ian Tonner substitute), John Trevains and Mike Hammond.	
2	Declarations of Interest : There were no declarations on interest.	
3	Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2019 : Accepted as a true and correct record.	
4	<p>School Exclusion and Elective Home Education</p> <p>Tim Browne (TB), Head of Education, was welcomed to the meeting, attending as a result of discussions at the previous Board regarding the reduction of exclusions (c14% in June 2019) and the numbers of those being home educated. TB referred to the national issue of those in home education and possible reasons for the rise.</p> <p>Although exclusions are a concern in Gloucestershire, this is improving. During the 2018 – 2019 academic year, exclusions reduced to 114 from 139 the previous year. Primary schools are working more closely with families and agencies which has resulted in a reduction of 43% (17 from 30). There was less reduction in secondary schools at 8% (97 from 109) but fewer pupils at Key Stage 4 were excluded.</p> <p>The number of children in home education has increased by 18% from 1m219 to 1032. The majority are choosing to be home educated due to philosophical or religious reasons. In 2019 the most cited reason was due to the child's ill or emotional health. The Board sought assurance as to the safeguarding measures for those on elective home education but TB explained there were a number of children who were not known to agencies. CB asked for a watching brief over this area and for TB to come back at a later date.</p> <p>TB described the work being undertaken to improve the outcomes for children (see report) along with future plans which included the creation of an 'Inclusion Charter'. AD suggested this should be developed by GCC, Police, OPCC, CCG and District Councils and assured CB that this would be ready by the end of 2020.</p>	TB AD
5	<p>Burglary Update</p> <p>DS Steve Bean (SB), Head of Investigations and Lead for Burglary, was welcomed to the meeting.</p>	

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	<p>SB provided a definition of burglary as set out in Section 9 Theft Act 1968 which states a person is guilty of burglary if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enters building (or part of) as trespasser with <i>intent</i> to steal/GBH/damage or ▪ Having entered as trespasser, steals (or attempts) or commits GBH <p>Aggravated burglary is if the person is carrying a weapon of offence, an imitation firearm, a firearm or an explosive.</p> <p>The data for Gloucestershire was provided (see attached presentation) and SB explained the context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vulnerable & traumatised victims ▪ Anxiety, sleep issues and fear of repeat crime (victims & wider public) ▪ Loss – sentimental, financial & confidence plus inconvenience with repairs & insurance claims ▪ Austerity & ‘other demand’ issues ▪ Crime Data Integrity (better recording) ▪ Offender profile – survivalist, domestic, dependency, SOAC ▪ Peak in Oct/Nov 2018 attributable to 3 individuals (Op Lion) ▪ Increase with British Winter Time (Op Switch) ▪ Uncharacteristic reduction in July 2018 – why? ▪ Criminals have adapted to exploit a niche... ▪ Rural communities have highest unsolved rates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bourton-on-the-Water (94%) ○ Cirencester rural north (93%) ○ Cirencester rural south (95%) ○ Fairford & Lechlade (94%) ○ Wotton-under-Edge (96%) <p>Discussion followed regarding the need for collaboration to tackle the issue of burglary and that it shouldn’t just be the police working alone. SB welcomed offers from the Fire & Rescue Service to help and districts too. AD and others to meet with SB and feedback into the board.</p>	SB/AD
6	<p>Child Exploitation</p> <p>KL reported on the discussions to merge Child Exploitation and Child Sexual Exploitation work and associated barriers with the infrastructure taking place over the next few months. KL to update the Board on progress.</p>	KL
7	<p>Violence Prevention</p> <p>SJ provided an overview of the Needs Assessment for Violence Prevention which she had developed over recent months, commencing with an understanding of the scale of the issues.</p>	

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	<p>Risk and protective factors associated with violent crime had been identified along with the evidence of existing provision in Gloucestershire. Stakeholder engagement on the perceptions of violent crime had been sought from professionals and young people.</p> <p>SJ provided the data from the Crime Survey for England & Wales indicating long term reduction in violent crime, and the county data which has increased annually from 2016/17 and now accounts for a rate of 15.2 violent crimes per 1000 of the population countywide (18/19). The highest rate of violent crime is in Gloucester at 27.2 and the rate of violent crime in the county is lower than most of its statistical neighbours.</p> <p>Offenders are male aged 18-30 and the majority of offenders from white ethnicities, but with overrepresentation of those from BME groups when compared to pop. For Gloucester District there is a higher rate of offenders from age groups 14-17 than seen for the county as a whole.</p> <p>There are a wide range of services to address risk factors for violence that operate at a countywide level and many services operate at a secondary or tertiary prevention level: providing a services to address the risk factors once a problem has already come to light.</p> <p>As a result of this work, the key findings and recommendations are listed below with the suggestions regarding the lead(s) for these themes</p> <p>Theme 1: Data and intelligence - <i>SJ to re-establish the Cardiff model</i> Theme 2: Violent crime and the night time economy (links to alcohol use) – <i>Police working alongside the Districts</i> Theme 3: Community – <i>District CSPs - there was the suggestion to run a districts workshop to help scope out the work needed at community level</i> Theme 4: Key risk factors for violence in Gloucestershire - <i>Gloucestershire County Council with commissioning partners</i> Theme 5: Messaging and engagement – <i>Violence Prevention Working Group/SJ & OPCC</i></p> <p>SJ offered to present this work to Districts in order for them to develop future activity.</p>	SJ
8	<p>Restorative Gloucestershire and ASB</p> <p>Becky Beard (BB) had provided an interim report for Restorative Gloucestershire which holds the county wide responsibility for the ASB community trigger. If incidents have been reported 3 or more times within a 6 month period a Community Trigger (also known as ASB Case Review) can be activated. If the threshold has been met, there will be a multi-agency case review which involves various agencies (eg. local Police, Local Authority, Housing Association, NHS).</p>	

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	<p>This is different from a single-agency complaints process which looks at faults in the way an agency responded. The Community Trigger process is more of an attempt to offer long term solutions to ultimately fix the problem and stop the anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>There is a lot of very good work happening across the County but it is not standardised. Restorative Gloucestershire is working closely with the community harm reduction team (CHRT) within the Constabulary to upskill officers and PCSOs in restorative approaches. The multi-agency approach is working well with under 18's but there is not the same replication for adults.</p> <p>Solace is a good example of the multi-agency approach but it is only focused on working in Gloucester and Cheltenham. It is also only focused on the higher level ASB. BB introduced Louise Boyle, Team Leader for Solace, who updated members on the history of Solace, previously based only in Gloucester and formerly known as Project Solace. This model was reviewed by Cheltenham Borough Council and plans were agreed to extend across Cheltenham and Gloucestershire, led by a Team Leader and launched as Solace.</p> <p>The aim of the Solace team is to reduce repeat incidents and victims of anti-social behaviour by providing a consistent partnership approach between the Constabulary, CBC and GCC to tackling anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Recent work included Intensive Engagement in Cheltenham and now in Gloucester, roles in disrupting of OCG – undertaken a total of 4 closure orders with 100% success rate from court and partnership work - race week, tackling OCGs and success of Street Aware.</p> <p>BB and LB were thanked for the update and working with the Secretariat develop a plan for a countywide approach which will come back to the board for discussion.</p>	BB/LB
9	<p>Progress on Safer Gloucestershire Strategy Action Plan</p> <p>AD referred to the previously circulated report and asked the Board to note the progress.</p> <p>9.1 Performance – A consistent approach to accessing data and management information systems across the County had been formalised with the OPCC in order to better inform planning. Ruth Greenwood presented the Dashboard she had developed comprising a broad range of indicators linked to the Safer Gloucestershire priorities which had recently been presented to the Secretariat. The presentation included the old measures, the pros and cons for having such measures and available data/information.</p>	

