

Decisions of the Safer Communities Partnership Board

Minutes of meeting held on 29 January 2016

Board Members Present:-

Councillor David Longstaff (Chairman)

Roger Kemp-Barnet Safer Neighbourhood Board
Steve Leader-London Fire Brigade
Bridget O'Dwyer- Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group
Julie Pal- CommUnity Barnet
Sam Denman- National Probation Service

Duncan Tessier-London Borough of Barnet
Caroline Birkett-Victim Support
Kiran Vagarwal-London Borough of Barnet
Superintendent Paula Light- Metropolitan Police

Also in attendance

Kate Malleson-London Borough of Barnet
Hannah Gordon-London Borough of Barnet
Laura Featley- DWP
Dawn Wakeling- London Borough of Barnet
Ben Taylor- London Borough of Barnet
Peter Clifton- London Borough of Barnet
Matt Leng-London Borough of Barnet
Manju Likhman-London Borough of Barnet
Ola Dejo-Ojomo-London Borough of Barnet
Iphigenia Christophoridou-London Borough of Barnet

Apologies for Absence

Bradley Few-MOPAC
Dr Simon Harding, Middlesex University
Craig Dixon-Victim Support
Adrian Usher-Metropolitan Police

Mathew Kendall-London Borough of Barnet
Jon Dickinson-London Borough of Barnet
Jamie Blake-London Borough of Barnet
Paula Heffernan-DWP

1. AGENDA, APOLOGIES AND PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safer Communities Partnership Board, Councillor David Longstaff welcomed all attendants to the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Board on 30 October 2015 were agreed as a correct record. The Chairman confirmed the actions pending from the previous action log and it was agreed that officers would follow up with Bradley Few from MOPAC on the action that was assigned on 30 October 2015.

2. COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Peter Clifton introduced the communications strategy and explained the reasons why a plan is needed. Mr Clifton also informed the Board about the current work regarding community safety, the objectives of the communication strategy and how the necessary objectives will be communicated. Mr Clifton also asked Members of the Board whether there were any other areas that needed to be covered as part of the Strategy.

Roger Kemp suggested that there would be value in a Member of this Board joining the communication board panel to avoid duplicating or missing out important issues. Superintendent Paula Light agreed that she would also get involved in this piece of work.

It was also noted that Peter Clifton would check and provide an update to Caroline Birkett as to whether there has been a nomination from Victim Support for the communications board panel and that he was going to organise the first meeting.
(Action)

3. YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION

Duncan Tessier introduced the report around youth crime prevention and welcomed Hannah Gordon who presented the paper. At the end of the presentation the following recommendations were noted by the Committee:

- Note the issues surrounding gangs and serious youth violence in Barnet
- Agree the refreshed action plan particularly noting actions of individual partners

Kate Malleson also contributed to the presentation by providing further details about how criminal activity evolved over the last few years. In response to a query from the Board Ms Malleson outlined the range of support that is available to victims of youth violence which in some cases included the perpetrators. Superintendent Paula Light would work together with Victim Support to help prevent further instances and provide support to victims.

It was agreed by the Board that Bradley Few would provide an update at the next meeting around the MOPAC gang-exit pilot programme. Community safety team will also work with Duncan Tessier and Kate Malleson on the substance misuse strategy.
(Action)

4. HATE CRIME - THIRD PARTY REPORTING

Peter Clifton highlighted key points in the Hate Crime – Third Party Reporting item and stated that hate crime is one of the lowest reported types of crime. Mr Clifton requested feedback from the Board on the report and the recommendations that he had outlined (and which were agreed by the Adults and Safeguarding Board). Roger Kemp (Chair of SNB) suggested that it would be sensible to check what MOPAC has also produced in relation to the subject area in order to avoid duplication.

Caroline Birkett agreed to circulate information around the mobile application that has been launched by MOPAC in October 2015. **(Action)**

5. PREVENT STRATEGY UPDATE

Ben Taylor introduced the report on the Prevent strategy update. The Chairman noted that the frequency of the update of the strategy should depend on its performance, if there are issues then this should be reported more often than annually. Mr Taylor agreed to contact the Chairman to discuss Communities Together Network. **(Action)**

6. PROPOSED ITEMS FOR NEXT SCPB 22 APRIL 2016 AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Peter Clifton highlighted the key points on the performance dashboard. The Board noted the news success story in Colindale where a man was jailed and banned from owning dogs which is an example of successful partnership work. The Chairman congratulated the Board.

In response to a query from the Board, Superintendent Light indicated that the aim is to reach the Smart Water target by the end of the year. She agreed to provide an update on Smart Water specifically in Barnet and also evaluate against other boroughs. **(Action)**

Kiran Vagarwal requested that any future agenda items would be sent to her so she can draft the forward work programme.

Bridget O'Dwyer invited the Board to the launch of the Barnet Adult Substance Misuse Service which will take place on 8 February at Hendon Town Hall.

7. DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEW UPDATE (EXEMPT)

**The Chairman moved a motion to exclude the press and public.
Only statutory partners stayed for the discussion of the exempt item.**

Dawn Wakeling introduced the report and outlined the implications on how Barnet has dealt with domestic violence and abuse. The main themes that have emerged within this domestic violence and abuse case have been cultural issues, older women, carers issues and GPs not submitting all the necessary information.

The Board RESOLVED the recommendations:

2.1 The SCPB noted the approach taken to complete the DHR.

2.2 The SCPB noted the Overview Report (Appendix 1) and the recommendations and action plan (Appendix 2).

2.3 The SCPB noted that the full DHR process has been completed and Quality Assured by the Home Office and noted that the report has been published on the Safer Communities Partnership Web page of the Council as per the Home Office guidance. The Board agreed that comments would be submitted by partners by Friday 5 February and the report would be published on Monday 8 February.

2.4 The SCPB noted the report and agreed the publication of the report, where this is not possible, agreement should be reached as to the reasons as set out in the guidance in the Home Office. The Board agreed that following the submission of any comments by Friday the report would be published on Monday 8 February.

2.5 The SCPB members to confirm their commitment and support to ensuring the recommendations and actions set out in appendix 2 of this report, relating to their respective organisations are followed through, ensuring operational support is in place and a key point of contact is tasked to update the DV and VAWG Delivery Board on progress of the actions. The Board agreed the recommendation.

2.6 The SCPB agreed and noted that the DV and VAWG Delivery board will be delegated to ensure the recommendations are followed and actions pertaining to the DHR are delivered. The Board agreed the recommendations and that specific officers would be part of the board and would be responsible to implement the actions.

2.7 The SCPB noted that the DHR Review Panel was unable to obtain IMRs from the relevant GPs and consider writing to the Home Office to highlight this gap and the need for a resolution to avoid this situation occurring in future. There appears to be a need for a Pan London approach for obtaining GP reports for DHRs (such as a central unit or cohort of suitably knowledgeable independent authors who could be called upon to facilitate the necessary exchange of information and writing of reports). The Board agreed the recommendation.

2.8 That the Chair of the SCPB write to the Solicitors Regulation Authority Director of Regulatory Policy to request that amendments are made to the code of ethics (or at least that guidance is issued), which would provide a clear pathway for solicitor's to assist with providing information for Domestic Homicide Reviews where their client's death has met the statutory requirement to undertake such a Review under Section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004. The Chair agreed to the recommendation and particularly agreed to request that amendments are made both to the code of ethics and guidance.

2.9 The SCPB noted recommendations set out in 4.3 of this report that request the partnership to consider how they publicise and communicate DVA services to older victims.

The meeting finished at 4.35 pm

Action Log of meeting held on 30 October 2015
Committee Room 2, Hendon Town Hall

Actions Log

Date of Meeting	Action	Team
30.15.2015	The Chairman to receive a list of all MOPAC Pan-London programmes and a brief summary of the context of each of the programmes for Barnet.	MOPAC, Bradley Few
29.01.2016	To provide an update to Caroline Birkett as to whether there has been a nomination from Victim Support for the communications sub group	Community Safety Team
29.01.2016	To make arrangements of the first meeting of the Communication Sub Group.	Community Safety Team
29.01.2016	Bradley Few would provide an update at the next meeting around the MOPAC gang-exit pilot programme.	MOPAC, Bradley Few
29.01.2016	To circulate information around the mobile application that has been launched by MOPAC in October 2015.	Victim Support, Caroline Birkett
29.01.2016	Mr Taylor agreed to contact the Chairman to discuss Communities Together Network.	Community Safety Team, Ben Taylor
29.01.2016	To provide an update on Smart Water specifically in Barnet and also evaluate against other boroughs.	Metropolitan Police, Superintendent Paula Light
29.01.2016	To send through to Kiran Vagarwal requested that any proposed future agenda items so that Kiran can draft the 2016/17 forward programme.	All board members