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Notice of Meeting

Dear Member

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

The **Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee** will meet in the **Council Chamber - Town Hall, Huddersfield** at **2.00 pm** on **Monday 6 February 2023**.

This meeting will be webcast live and will be available to view via the Council's website.

The items which will be discussed are described in the agenda and there are reports attached which give more details.

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Julie Muscroft

Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning

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The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee members are:-

Member

Councillor Elizabeth Smaje (Chair)

Councillor Yusra Hussain

Councillor Andrew Marchington

Councillor Jackie Ramsay

Councillor John Taylor

Agenda

Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

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1: Membership of Committee

To receive apologies for absence of Members who are unable to attend the meeting.

2: Minutes of Previous Meeting

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To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 20th December 2022.

3: Interests

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The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests.

4: Admission of the Public

Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.

5: Deputations/Petitions

The Committee will receive any petitions and hear any deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also hand in a petition at the meeting but that petition should relate to something on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 (2), Members of the Public should provide at least 24 hours' notice of presenting a deputation.

6: Public Question Time

The meeting will hear any questions from the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.

7: Leader's Priorities - Update

Councillor Shabir Pandor, the Leader of the Council, will attend to give an update on his portfolio priorities for 2022/23.

8: Domestic Abuse in Kirklees - Update

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A report will be submitted which provides an update on activity to tackle domestic abuse in Kirklees, in line with the strategic aims and priorities of the 2022-27 Domestic Abuse Strategy.

Contact:

Jo Richmond, Head of Communities Service

Chani Mortimer, Service Manager for Domestic Abuse and Safeguarding Partnerships

9: Kirklees Strategic Intelligence Assessment and the Communities Partnership Plan

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A report will be submitted which sets out the findings emerging from the annual refresh of the Kirklees Strategic Intelligence Assessment, including a spotlight on road safety and serious violence.

Contact:

Jo Richmond, Head of Communities

Chris Walsh, Safer Kirklees Manager

Lee Hamilton, Safer Kirklees Manager

10: Lead Members' Updates

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The Lead Members for the Children's Scrutiny Panel and the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel will update the Committee on the work being undertaken by these panels.

Contact:

Sheila Dykes – Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer, Legal and Democratic Services

11: Work Programme 2022/23

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The latest version of the Committee's work programme for 2022-23 will be submitted for Members' consideration.

Contact:

Sheila Dykes – Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer, Legal and Democratic Services

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Contact Officer: Sheila Dykes

KIRKLEES COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday 20th December 2022

Present: Councillor Elizabeth Smaje (Chair)
Councillor Andrew Marchington
Councillor Jackie Ramsay
Councillor John Taylor

Observers: Councillor Andrew Cooper
Councillor Moses Crook
Councillor Susan Lee-Richards
Councillor Andrew Pinnock
Councillor Mark Thompson

42 Membership of Committee

Apologies were received from Councillor Yusra Hussain.

43 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 1st November 2022 be agreed as a correct record.

44 Interests

No interests were declared.

45 Admission of the Public

All items were heard in public session.

46 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

47 Public Question Time

No questions were asked.

48 Regional Funding Update

A report was submitted in relation to regional funding activity, with a focus on the funds administered by the West Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (WYMCA).

Edward Highfield - Service Director for Skills and Regeneration and Chris Duffill - Head of Business, Economy and Growth introduced the report which provided details on the main strategic economic development funding streams at regional level, including Gainshare and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). It also gave an overview of the approach currently being taken including investment

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prioritisation, horizon scanning for future opportunities and overview/monitoring of all funding coming into Kirklees.

The following points were highlighted:

- The Council was taking a proactive approach in terms of the development of outline schemes so that it was able to react quickly when funding opportunities came forward. This was particularly important in light of the limited timescales associated with more recent funding and the element of competition.
- The West Yorkshire Investment Strategy set out the following six investment priorities:
 - Good Jobs and Resilient Businesses (including entrepreneurialism)
 - Skills and training for people
 - Creating Great Places and Accelerated Infrastructure
 - Tackling the Climate Emergency and Environmental Sustainability
 - Future Transport Investment
 - Culture and Creative Industries
- A number of priority/programme areas sat beneath each investment priority and established the focus for intervention over the period April 2021 to March 2024. The aim was to match the local priorities to these regional priorities.

A number of the Kirklees Councillors who were members of one of the WYMCA scrutiny committees were also in attendance at the meeting.

Questions and comments were invited, with the following issues being covered:

- The West Yorkshire devolution deal was for £38 million per annum for 30 years; it was possible for this to be used to secure borrowing to provide additional funding in the earlier years.
- The Sustainable Transport Settlement could and would be utilised towards bus prioritisation, in addition to walking and cycling initiatives, and sat alongside the Bus Service Improvement Plan. This funding would likely be focused on infrastructure improvements, such as improved journey times, pinch points and bus lanes, rather than core subsidy of operators.
- A successful economy required the necessary infrastructure and skills to be in place and it was important that contingency arrangements were established to ensure that improvements were delivered. Despite challenges associated with prioritisation and the current financial climate, the implementation of the thirty-year devolution deal would give greater local certainty, control and autonomy and it was believed that this would have a positive impact.
- Bus provision in some rural areas of the district was limited, particularly in the evening period; and more should be done to support residents of these areas to make the move towards more sustainable transport; a strategic approach was needed.
- The Sustainable Transport Settlement would deliver improved bus stations in Kirklees and whilst it was accepted that this in itself may not improve patronage the Bus Service Improvement Plan would take a more holistic view of what could be done in respect of modal shift.
- It was believed that information should be provided to all Councillors to ensure that they were aware of all ongoing consultations at Combined Authority level. It was also considered that there was a low level of awareness of consultations amongst the general public, at both regional and local level, and that a low

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response rate impacted upon the validity of the results as a representation of the views of the local population.

- In terms of local consultation, this was an issue that was considered by officers and different approaches were being used. The issue of the provision of information to elected members about regional consultations had been raised with the Combined Authority.
- The Council should establish its key aspirations of the Combined Authority as this would assist those Councillors and officers who dealt with the Combined Authority to speak 'with one voice' and engage effectively. This was an area that the Authority was working on, one element of which was a commitment to meet with the members of the WYMCA Transport Committee to provide support and information in advance of its meetings.
- There was also increased interaction between scrutiny members at local and regional level.
- There was little visibility at district level of the work being undertaken at the Combined Authority by Kirklees representatives and there should be some mechanism whereby reports were made to Council. This would also provide a wider understanding of the aims of the Council and a mandate for those representatives.
- In terms of visibility of decisions at Combined Authority level for elected members, this could be challenging in some cases due to the nature of decision-making process and the limited timescales given for responses to the Government. It was suggested that a statement on such decisions could be announced at Cabinet to improve visibility to the wider Council.
- In respect of the status of schemes that had been paused; the position and timescale would depend on a number of factors including external funding.
- The capping of bus fares was a good initiative but there was also a need to track the services being provided over the three-year period, to assess whether communities were being served, over what period and how many had been withdrawn.
- There were risks associated with the element of competitive bidding, particularly in the current climate, and consideration also had to be given to capacity and the resource implications of delivery if a bid was successful. It was also important to try and ensure that work was led by local priorities rather than funding streams. Overall it was believed that the net benefits of devolution outweighed the challenges and risks.
- The UK Shared Prosperity Fund was split into two with a regional element and a local pot that was split between the constituent Councils; the percentage of funding awarded to Kirklees was broadly in line with what would be expected.
- Bradford, Calderdale and Kirklees all had substantial rural areas and could perhaps work together on common causes.
- Kirklees Councillors needed a local brief, alongside an understanding of the complexity of the district and the wider region, and an ability to communicate that, with the aim of achieving a better deal for everyone.
- In terms of the need for a 'place upwards' in addition to the 'strategic downwards' relationship; the aim was to move to a position where the Combined Authority was clear on what Kirklees priorities were. There was also a balance to be achieved between those activities that were best done at regional level and those placed at local level.

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- The Place Standard was an excellent resource that could be used to build a strong evidence base to establish, and argue for, local priorities.
- The fortnightly collaborative meeting between Combined Authority officers and officers from the constituent authorities was welcomed and would help to address some of the issues raised.

Resolved –

That officers be asked to give consideration to the following:

- The need to facilitate a wider awareness of the work of the Combined Authority for Kirklees Councillors.
- The provision of greater support for those Councillors representing Kirklees on the Combined Authority.
- The need for a strategic approach to bus services across the district.
- The use of the Place Standard to build a strong evidence base for local priorities.
- Feedback to the wider Council from Kirklees Combined Authority representatives.

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Loneliness and Social Isolation in Kirklees

A report was submitted which provided background information to support a discussion about how best to develop local responses to identifying, signposting, and referring people who are lonely or isolated.

Jill Greenfield, Service Director, Customer and Communities, Mark Wearmouth, Service Manager, Local Integrated Partnerships and Helen Gilchrist - Project Manager, Local Integrated Partnerships attended to present the report and respond to Members' questions.

Questions and comments were invited from Committee Members, with the following issues being covered:

- It had been suggested that the guidance document be reviewed and co-produced with wider stakeholders. Committee members had undertaken visits to a number of local support groups to discuss the issues and it was considered that it would be beneficial for there to be wider discussion with individuals about their experiences and the challenges they faced in making connections.
- One of the issues that had been highlighted during the visits was the means by which information on provision/support was made available and the different ways people would choose, or were able to, access it.
- It was recognised that loneliness had a negative impact on mental wellbeing and the acceptance that there was no 'one size fits all' approach was welcomed. It was also noted that being alone did not necessarily equate to being lonely.
- There was significant support and opportunities to connect available within some communities, although it was acknowledged that this may not work as well in some areas. Greater signposting, mapping, and the provision of co-ordination and support to assist in delivery where necessary could bring about improvement.

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- The aim was to try and make loneliness everyone's business and to build on those networks that were already in place.
- The level of awareness of campaigns and events outside members of the partnership steering group.
- The issue of wider engagement with staff and stakeholders was being taken up with partners. It was hoped to encourage and reinvigorate support and accountability for the approach of making loneliness everyone's business.
- Kirklees Cares was an outward facing resource that was currently being soft launched. It had been set up primarily to improve access to information and training in respect of health and adult social care.
- Social prescribing was an excellent way of addressing this issue through the provision of gentle support and guidance.
- There were many opportunities provided by the Council and local communities that allowed and encouraged people to become involved and connect.
- The stories illustrating individual's experiences should be communicated more widely.
- Everyone had a duty to try and identify and communicate with those individuals who may be at risk of loneliness.

Resolved –

That the points raised by the Committee be taken into account in the further development of local responses to identifying, signposting, and referring people who are lonely or isolated.

50 Lead Members' Update

Updates were submitted on the work of the Economy and Neighbourhoods and Corporate Scrutiny Panels on behalf of Councillors Yusra Hussain and John Taylor, the Lead Members.

The updates were noted.

51 Work Programme 2022-23

The current version of the Committee's work programme for 2022-23 was submitted for Members' consideration and noted.

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KIRKLEES COUNCIL			
COUNCIL/CABINET/COMMITTEE MEETINGS ETC			
DECLARATION OF INTERESTS			
Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee			
Name of Councillor			
Item in which you have an interest	Type of interest (eg a disclosable pecuniary interest or an "Other Interest")	Does the nature of the interest require you to withdraw from the meeting while the item in which you have an interest is under consideration? [Y/N]	Brief description of your interest

Signed: Dated:

NOTES

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If you have any of the following pecuniary interests, they are your disclosable pecuniary interests under the new national rules. Any reference to spouse or civil partner includes any person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or as if they were your civil partner.

Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, which you, or your spouse or civil partner, undertakes.

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from your council or authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses.

Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority -

- under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
- which has not been fully discharged.

Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer.

Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) - the landlord is your council or authority; and the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.

Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -

- (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and
- (b) either -

the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or

if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.



Name of meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee
Date: 6 February 2023
Title of report: Domestic Abuse Update

Purpose of report: To provide an update on activity to tackle domestic abuse in Kirklees, in line with the strategic aims and priorities of the 2022-27 Domestic Abuse Strategy.

<p>Key Decision – A key decision is an executive decision to be made by Cabinet which is likely to result in Council spending or saving £250k or more per annum, or to have a significant positive or negative effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral wards. Decisions having a particularly significant effect on a single ward may also be treated as if they were key decisions.</p>	<p>Yes/ no or Not Applicable Not applicable.</p> <p>If yes give the reason why</p>
<p>Key Decision - Is it in the Council’s Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)?</p>	<p>Key Decision – Yes/No Not applicable</p> <p>Private Report/Private Appendix – No</p>
<p>The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?</p>	<p>Yes/No or Not Applicable Not applicable</p> <p>If no give the reason why not</p>
<p>Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name</p> <p>Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?</p> <p>Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?</p>	<p>Mel Meggs Strategic Director Children’s Services 25/01/2023</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>Cabinet member portfoliohttp://www.kirklees.gov.uk/you-kmc/kmc-howcouncilworks/cabinet/cabinet.asp</p>	<p>Give name of Portfolio Holder/s Cllr Carole Pattison</p>

Electoral wards affected: all
Ward councillors consulted: no
Public or private: Public
Has GDPR been considered? Yes.

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1. Summary

This report provides an update on activity to tackle domestic abuse in Kirklees.

This includes:

- Meeting the new statutory duty to support victims of domestic abuse, and their children, in safe accommodation
- Development of the 2022-27 Kirklees Domestic Abuse Strategy; and
- A summary of activity to deliver the strategy, including funding arrangements and impact.

2. Information required to take a decision

2.1 Statutory duty to support victims of domestic abuse, and their children, in safe accommodation

The 2021 Domestic Abuse Act introduced a new statutory requirement for local authorities to support victims of domestic abuse, and their children, in safe accommodation.

Local authorities are being supported to meet new statutory requirements with the provision of grant funding, which has been allocated/confirmed as follows:

- 2021/22 £918,922
- 2022/23 £921,466
- 2023/24 £939,899
- 2024/25 £957,632

A summary of how this funding has been allocated is provided as Annexe A. Section 2.2.1 of this report provides an overview of proposals to allocate funding in future years. Sections 2.3 – 2.7 provide further information about funding has had an impact on delivery.

Further to an update to Scrutiny Committee on 9 November 2021, Kirklees has now established all the necessary arrangements to meet statutory requirements, as follows:

Requirement	How requirement has been met	Ongoing activity
Establish local partnership board	Complete – the existing Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership (DASP) meets statutory definition of a local partnership board, and terms of reference have been updated to reflect the legislation.	Monitoring attendance to maintain quoracy
Assess need for support in the local area	Complete – a multi-agency working group mapped existing provision to identify what is working well, gaps and gather intelligence to develop a robust, evidence-based strategy	The needs assessment needs to be completed every three years, and is due to be refreshed in 2024

Requirement	How requirement has been met	Ongoing activity
Publish a strategy for the provision of support for victims in safe accommodation	An addendum to the 2019-21 Domestic Abuse Strategy was published on 26 th October 2021. The 2022-2027 DA Strategy includes provision for supporting victims in safe accommodation	The 2022-27 Domestic Abuse Strategy will be refreshed with emerging priorities, including any new activities that may be identified through the needs assessment (above)
Give effect to the strategy (for example through commissioning arrangements)	Initial funding allocated through a variety of short-term arrangements, including variation to existing contracts, grants, new commissioning activities.	With the certainty of future year's funding, we are working with finance and procurement to develop longer term commissioning arrangements.
Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the strategy	Funded arrangements are subject to partnership oversight through robust monitoring arrangements and presentations to the DASP.	Baseline data collated and arrangements for quarterly monitoring are in development
Report back annually to central government (e) above	Monitoring data requested by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities submitted within deadline (30 th June 2022).	DLUHC hosted a series of workshops to request feedback on monitoring form – feedback submitted on behalf of providers

2.2 Domestic Abuse Strategy 2022-27

The 2022-27 Kirklees Domestic Abuse Strategy was approved by the Communities Board on 14 June 2022 and endorsed by Cabinet on 17 January 2023.

All work to deliver the Strategy is underpinned by the following strategic aims:

- Responding to voices of people who have experienced domestic abuse
- Intelligence
- Supporting our workforce
- Specialist Services
- working with our communities
- Partnership commitment

In the first year of the Strategy, development work has taken place across these aims to establish mechanisms for people who have experienced domestic abuse to share their stories; to refresh the intelligence that supports our delivery; to improve support for our workforce; and to establish key performance measures to track how individual agencies respond to domestic abuse. A summary of these activities is provided as Annexe B.

In addition, there has been significant activity to support our specialist services and to support communities. This is summarised in sections 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 below.

The Strategy was designed to incorporate all domestic abuse related activity undertaken by the Council and its partners through the Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership, and includes the following strategic priorities:

- Whole Family Approach to domestic abuse

- Supporting perpetrators to change behaviour
- Partnership response to victims with multiple needs and/or protected characteristics
- Supporting victims to maintain or access safe and stable housing
- Multi-agency working arrangements

In the first year, the Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership agreed to prioritise activity under the first two strategic priorities (in light of changes to legislation recognises children as victims of domestic abuse in their own right; and of funding opportunities in relation to supporting behaviour change in perpetrators). Further detail regarding delivery against each of these priorities is provided in sections 2.3 – 2.7 below, with supporting data provided as Annexe C.

2.2.1 *Supporting specialist services*

The grant provided by DLUHC provides a significant increase in funding and with it, the opportunity to consider our domestic abuse provision across the system.

With support from Procurement, the Domestic Abuse Team within Communities and Access Services have facilitated sessions for local providers of domestic abuse support services (for victims, children and perpetrators) to reflect on existing commissioning arrangements, the potential for pooling budgets and reducing the number of individual contracts. Local services have commended our approach and look forward to exploring opportunities that enable local services to work together even more closely to support victims and children, and encourage behaviour change in those who cause harm.

2.2.2 *Working with communities*

The Strategy includes a commitment to work with local communities to understand the local picture of domestic abuse, barriers to accessing services and what more is needed to keep victims, survivors and their families safe and hold abusers to account for their behaviour.

Investment by Place Partnerships has provided a valuable opportunity trial a community engagement approach to domestic abuse, with funding available to support the recruitment of four domestic abuse consultants working at place to raise awareness of domestic abuse, particularly the non-physical aspects, and the support that is available.

The Consultants commenced on 25 October 2021 and have conducted 263 engagement activities reaching 2,768 people. Of these:

- 70 awareness raising sessions have been delivered to 739 people based within the community, resulting in attendees reporting that they had a greater awareness of domestic abuse; would feel more confident about approaching services for help; and more equipped to support someone who was experiencing domestic abuse;
- 101 awareness raising sessions and issue specific briefings have been delivered to 1062 professionals in Kirklees, resulting in attendees reporting that they had a greater awareness of domestic abuse; would feel more confident about approaching services for help; and more equipped to support someone who was experiencing domestic abuse; and
- 92 meetings have been held/attended with 967 professionals, anchors, community leads and members.

Over the last 12 months, the place-based team have worked in alignment with the development of the Inclusive Communities Framework and collaborated with communities to raise awareness of domestic abuse giving a voice to local people, many previously unheard, about domestic abuse and what it means to them and their communities. Through these activities the team has encouraged and supported a better understanding of the complexities of domestic abuse beyond physical violence including a deeper understanding of coercive control fostering greater confidence to recognise and appropriately respond to people affected by domestic abuse, working alongside local people to build confidence and resilience.

Engagement activity is data and intelligence led, using police incident reporting data to highlight the availability of support services and other resources in areas with high reports; and to target areas where there are no reports, working with local community organisations to build confidence in support services and police.

Crucially, consultants have also worked closely with schools and Education Safeguarding to develop domestic abuse training for young people that could be delivered as part of their PSHE curriculum. Designated Safeguarding leads have been trained and supported to deliver the training inhouse so that it can be a sustainable and ongoing part of the young people's curriculum. Feedback has been collected by schools to measure the impact of the training on children and young people and confirm that children now feel more knowledgeable about domestic abuse and who they can approach for support.

The team also works closely with partners to support local initiatives, such as supporting Police to establish Safezones (further detail about the scheme available [here](#) and a list of Safezones provided as Annexe D) and working with the University to support research into stalking. The team seeks to work closely with local ward members to ensure good reach and community insight.

Over the next 12 months the Team will continue to engage with local communities to raise awareness of domestic abuse and deliver a broader range of activity including sessions on economic abuse and working with those who harm.

2.2.3 Whole Family Approach to Domestic Abuse

A specific working group has been established to drive forward work on the Whole Family Approach to Domestic Abuse priority, which has identified four strands to supporting whole families where there is a perpetrator of domestic abuse:

- supporting children and young people that have been affected by parental domestic abuse
- supporting young people that are victims or survivors of domestic abuse in their own relationships
- supporting young people that perpetrate abuse against other people, whether in intimate partner relationships or against family members
- direct, preventative work with children and young people to support the development of healthy relationships.

Over this first year of the Strategy, the working group prioritised work on supporting children and young people that have been affected by parental abuse. Further detail on activity under each of these headings is provided below.

Supporting children & young people that have been affected by parental domestic abuse

The funding provided through the DLUHC grant has allowed us to:

- commission a specific service providing therapeutic support for children and young people that have been affected by domestic abuse. From April – September 2022, 39 children and young people have engaged in a full programme of support, with each child participating in an (average of) 8-week programme to improve their understanding of how domestic abuse may have affected them; to build confidence and resilience; to rebuild relationships with family; and to reduce feelings of anxiety and sadness through positive coping strategies.
- Invest in children's support workers across all refuge sites, who have worked with 64 children and their mothers during the period April – September 2022. As children in refuge often have complex needs, which require high standards of care, trauma informed practice and an understanding of the impact of domestic abuse, there are a range of sessions and activities available to help the whole family heal from trauma and build positive coping strategies, including yoga, dancing, parent workshops, work experience, mindfulness, Eden Forest, day trips etc. All refuge residents are supported to access and work positively with education, health services, children's services and other local services to achieve better outcomes for their children, and children's workers actively participate in multi-agency arrangements such as Team Around the Family, Child in Need and Child Protection meetings. As a result of this work, children in the refuges show greater trust in and a willingness to fully engage with a range of professionals, and there have been significant increases in children engaging in education.
- Recruit to additional roles within the School Transition and Reach Service (STARs) to provide intensive support to families that have experienced domestic abuse which has impacted on the child's ability to engage positively in education (i.e. attendance to drop to 75% or below, permanent exclusion/frequent exclusions, the need for a part time timetable or significant recorded poor/challenging behaviour). STARs is focused on minimising disengagement from learning at key transition points and addressing a wide range of family outcomes from mental health to challenging behaviour, and the funding provided through the DLUHC grant enables work with a specific cohort to reduce the risk of future involvement in domestic abuse and promote healthy relationships. This service will be open to referrals from February 2023 onwards.

Supporting young people that are victims or survivors of domestic abuse in their own relationships

The working group has mapped existing services to respond to this group of young people. In line with national findings, there are disproportionately low reports to police and other services for this cohort, which may indicate either a lack of knowledge of or trust in local services, and/or a degree of normalising abusive behaviour in intimate relationships. The working group will work with local specialist services and explore funding avenues to increase the availability of specialist support for this cohort.

Supporting young people that perpetrate abuse against other people, whether in intimate partner relationships or against family members

The working group has mapped existing services to respond to young people that harm others. There are limited resources available, either at a local, regional or national level,

that respond specifically to this group of young people. However, recent announcements by the Home Office in relation to the availability of funding for perpetrator interventions indicates that there may be specific streams of funding to support children and young people that cause harm. The working group will work with local specialist services and explore funding avenues to increase the availability of specialist support for this cohort.

Direct, preventative work with children and young people to support the development of healthy relationships.

As outlined in section 2.2.2 above, DACET has worked closely with schools and Education Safeguarding to develop domestic abuse training for young people to be delivered as part of their PSHE curriculum.

In addition, we have been working closely with the None in Three Research school at Huddersfield University to promote the availability of a prosocial online game, which aims to facilitate young people's learning about what healthy and unhealthy relationships look like, empowering them to spot and call out the early signs of intimate partner violence, to prevent it in their relationships. It is aimed at young people aged 14+ (at educators' discretion) and is supported by technical notes and a facilitator's guide (ideas for lessons and using the game as a learning resource). The game is available [here](#)

2.2.4 Supporting perpetrators to change their behaviour

A specific working group has been established to drive forward work on this priority, which aims to learn from national initiatives like the [Drive project](#), which advocates for changes so that perpetrators posing all levels of risk can no longer get away with abusive behaviour and can access the help they need to stop, the Domestic Abuse Partnership is committing to increasing the support available to support perpetrators to change their behaviour. This support will sit alongside comprehensive services for all victims and survivors.

Kirklees was successful in securing a bid for funding from the Home Office to support Yorkshire Children's centre to deliver a behaviour change programme to high-risk perpetrators of domestic abuse, focussing on fathers. The programme has worked with 49 men since April 2022 to:

- improve fathers' parenting and co-parenting practices;
- reduce the risk of children's further exposure to domestic and family violence; and
- increase fathers' ability to identify the impact of their aggressive behaviour on their children and improve men's responses more generally.

All work that addresses perpetrators abusive behaviour also runs alongside integrated support for the victim/survivor to ensure that the safety and wellbeing of survivors is at the heart of delivery. One-to-one support is offered to victims around their recovery and includes signposting and referral for specialist support (such as counselling); fears, worries, and concerns shared to enable facilitators to effectively challenge perpetrators on areas of concern to survivor; and case management to monitor risk to survivors and children.

In 2022, Yorkshire Children’s Centre partnered with EdShift to run an exhibition, where children of perpetrators participating in perpetrator programmes expressed the impact of domestic abuse through art (including painting, poetry etc) as part of the impact of domestic abuse on children module. The aim of the partnership was to:

- To amplify the voices of children with lived experience
- Increase men’s motivation to change
- Prevent the continuation of violence

100% of the men agreed that the session had had a significant impact on them.

‘It made me think – oh my god what have I done to my children. It was a period of introspection that really made me think – If I could, what would I say to my children and the only appropriate thing I could say is sorry but I couldn’t get the word out’.

98% of the men agreed that their motivation to change significantly increased after the session.

‘My motivation changed because I finally started to see things from my daughter’s perspective and not my own. The impact that my behaviour has had on her and what that might mean for her future is terrifying but that makes me want to change’.

In addition, the working group has mapped existing provision to share best practice (across programmes delivered in the community and by probation) and identify who is currently unable to access behaviour change programmes. The working group is working closely with the West Yorkshire Mayor’s Office to maximise funding for further programmes.

2.2.5 Partnership response to victims with multiple needs and/or protected characteristics

A specific working group has been established to drive forward work on this priority, which recognises that many people experiencing domestic abuse have a wide range of other support needs, some of which will be as a result of the abuse they have experienced or exacerbated by the abuse.

The working group includes representatives from a range of voluntary and community sector groups that can advocate for under-represented (in DA Services) client groups and provide constructive challenge to support local services to be more accessible and to proactively engage with all communities.

The funding provided through the DLUHC grant has allowed us to invest in additional support for victims with multiple needs and/or protected characteristics, both within refuge and in the community.

In addition, Pennine Domestic Abuse Partnership has been successful in securing funding for an Independent Domestic Abuse Advisor to boost crisis intervention and coordinate support for male victims of domestic abuse.

The impact of this funding on the diversity of clients engaged with local services is shown below (NB: please note that one client may be counted in more than one group):

Data	2021/22	2022/23 (projected)	increase
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Proportion of clients that are:			
LGBT+	33	26	-21%
BME	145	330	128%
Male victim	13	32	146%
Proportion of clients that report to have:			
Disability	181	440	143%
Mental health	190	370	95%
Substance Misuse	58	110	90%

Over this same period, reports to police have also shown an increase from victims with a range of protected characteristics, as shown below:

	2021/22	2022/23 (projected)	Increase
Proportion of clients that are:			
BME	1,192	1,844	55%
Male victim	2,852	3,114	9%

2.2.6 Supporting victims to maintain or access safe and stable housing

A specific working group has been established to drive forward work on this priority, which recognises that home can be the most dangerous place for victims and survivors of domestic abuse. There are concerted efforts in both our housing and domestic sectors to support victims and survivors to access safe and stable housing, but these efforts could be better connected to address the range of housing needs for those experiencing domestic abuse, regardless of their tenure type, to achieve stable housing, live safely and overcome their experiences of abuse, including where perpetrators can be responded to and held accountable to improve victim/survivor safety.

The working group will initially focus on improving the availability of emergency accommodation for victims of domestic abuse and the provision of dedicated support those fleeing domestic abuse.

2.2.7 Multi-agency working arrangements

A specific working group will be established to drive forward work on this priority, which recognises that the Domestic Abuse Partnership has developed a number of processes to support professionals from different agencies to share information, assess risk and increase safety for victims and survivors (including children).

The working group will improve oversight and quality assurance of partnership arrangements to respond to domestic abuse, including our Daily Risk Assessment Management Meeting, Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences, Standards Screening and Operation Encompass notification process.

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Working with People

The activity described in this report is driven by the Domestic Abuse Strategy, which outlines how our whole system, including the third sector, health organisations, housing

providers, social care and the Criminal Justice System, works in a consistent and coordinated way to:

- See and respond to the **whole person**, whether that be victims and survivors (including children), perpetrators or others affected by domestic abuse
- Work with the **whole family** to minimise the harm caused by perpetrators and build resilience
- Work with the **whole community** to minimise the harm caused by perpetrators and support victims and survivors to live the lives they want; and
- Influence the **whole society** through the media, politicians, employers, key opinion formers and commentators by challenging victim blaming and damaging gender stereotypes.

3.2 Working with Partners

All activity to deliver the Domestic Abuse Strategy is coproduced and delivered in partnership with colleagues from voluntary and community services, health agencies, housing providers and criminal justice agencies. Partnership commitment for the strategy is demonstrated through statements of support to be provided by both health and police colleagues.

This report has been developed in collaboration with partners through the Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership and the activity described within reflects the contribution and collaboration across the system.

3.3 Place Based Working

The Strategy refers to the work we do in Places and this report includes an overview of the activity that is delivered at place, recognising our partnership arrangements to respond to local communities, including Primary Care Networks, community hub models of working and Local Neighbourhood Policing teams. Extensive Place Based work now underpins the delivery of the strategy with local communities, complimenting and informing the work of our partners.

3.4 Climate Change and Air Quality

No anticipated change.

3.5 Improving outcomes for children

The Whole Family Approach is a strategic priority within the Domestic Abuse Strategy and the Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership has identified improving outcomes for children as a key focus of activity for the first year of delivering the strategy.

As a result, new investment has provided additional support for children and young people affected by domestic abuse, to improve their understanding of how domestic abuse may have affected them; to build confidence and resilience; to rebuild relationships with family; and to reduce feelings of anxiety and sadness through positive coping strategies.

Given that children affected by domestic abuse are less likely to achieve positive outcomes, this activity is key for improving outcomes for children.

3.6 Financial Implications for the people living or working in Kirklees

The Partnership is mindful that cost of living increases and the subsequent pressure on families has already had an impact on families living with domestic abuse and is likely to

continue to increase risk to victims and children. The Partnership is working hard to maximise opportunities for increasing funding for specialist services and to support the sector to proactively engage with all communities.

3.7 Other (eg Integrated Impact Assessment/Legal/Financial or Human Resources)

This report provides an update on activity and does not propose any new activity that will require Integrated Impact Assessment or have any legal, financial or human resource implications. The Domestic Abuse Strategy that drives this activity was subject to an Integrated Impact Assessment and consultation with legal, finance and HR colleagues.

4. **Consultation**

Representatives of the Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership collaborated to prepare this report and met on 7 December 2022 to share stories about the impact of funding and ongoing activity that is contained within this report.

5. **Engagement**

The Domestic Abuse Strategy and ongoing activity is coproduced with partners and communities, and is informed by people in the community that have experienced domestic abuse.

Engagement with communities and members encourages active stakeholder participation in our planning and delivery. Our engagement work has progressed through development of positive and trusting relationships with the community and we are committed to continuous improvement that is informed by the voices of local people, staff and partners.

Ongoing work to improve the availability of specialist support has been informed by community consultation and engagement with members (who were invited to attend a number of sessions to provide feedback on the support available and how it might be improved).

The community engagement activity outlined in this report is coproduced and regular updates are provided to members through:

- Monthly reports to Place Partnership Leads (shared via the Democracy Team);
- Quarterly briefings to all councillors in partnership with Safer Kirklees; and
- Regular attendance at place based and ward meetings.

6. **Next steps and timelines**

Following the Committee's consideration of this report, feedback from the Committee will be used to drive forward work in year two of the strategy. The Committee will continue to be updated on an annual basis and on an ad hoc basis as requested.

7. **Officer recommendations and reasons**

It is recommended that the Committee consider the activity described in this report and:

- note the steps taken by the local authority to meet the new statutory duty to support victims of domestic abuse, and their children, in safe accommodation; and

- provide feedback on the activity to deliver the 2022-27 Domestic Abuse Strategy and direct particular activities that would add further value.

8. Cabinet Portfolio Holder’s recommendations

The Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Communities, Cllr Carole Pattison, recommends that Oversight and Scrutiny Management Committee note the information provided in the report.

The Domestic Abuse Strategy and delivery activity demonstrates how we work in partnership to prevent, respond to, and repair the damage caused to victims, their families and their children because of domestic abuse.

The engagement activity that drives delivery helps us to tailor our services to ensure they are accessible for all Kirklees residents regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or any other protected characteristic. By working closely with those who have experienced domestic abuse, and listening to and learning from these experiences, we are strengthening our approach to preventing and responding to domestic abuse.

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10. Background Papers and History of Decisions

Date	Item	Decision
17 January 2023	2022-2027 Domestic Abuse Strategy considered by Cabinet	Endorsed
15 March 2022	Domestic Abuse Strategy considered by Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee	RESOLVED - 1) That the representatives of the Police and Health and officers be thanked for attending the meeting to present the new Domestic Abuse Strategy 2022-27. 2) That it be recommended that timescales be established for the community engagement activity around raising awareness of what is classed as abuse and its impact, and building confidence in reporting, and that officers be asked to ensure that this work is included in the delivery plan(s).
9 November 2021	New statutory duty to support victims of domestic	RESOLVED -

Date	Item	Decision
	abuse, and their children, provided as an annexe to Draft Strategic Intelligence Assessment for Kirklees and the Communities Partnership Plan	(3) That the following further detail be provided to Members: (i) Domestic abuse figures
29 October 2020	Domestic Abuse Strategic Update	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(1) That the update in respect of the 2019-21 Kirklees Domestic Abuse Strategy be noted and that the comments of the Panel be taken into account going forward.</p> <p>(2) That the work undertaken by the Community Safety Partnership to mitigate the additional pressures arising from the pandemic be welcomed.</p>

11. Service Director responsible

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Annexe A: summary of activity funded through DLUHC grant

Support for children within safe accommodation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment of intensive family support team • Commissioning of therapeutic support service for children affected by domestic abuse • Funding specific posts in local refuges to work directly with and support children 	£465,000
Providing additional capacity for providers to support victims with complex needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific posts in local refuges to support victims with complex needs • Grant funding – victims with complex needs 	£220,000
Supporting victims on a longer-term basis to enable them to thrive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant funding – supporting victims to recover from the long term effects of domestic abuse 	£128,000
Understanding the need and responding to victims with protected characteristics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant funding –experiences of victims with protected characteristics 	£35,000
Supporting the partnership to coordinate our response to domestic abuse	£71,000
	£919,000

Annexe B: Strategic aims of the Domestic Abuse Strategy and supporting activity

Commitment in the Strategy	Activity	Impact	Plans for 2023-24
<p>The Partnership will provide a range of opportunities for people with lived experience to share their stories with us and develop a feedback loop so that victims and survivors can be informed about what services have done in response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • collaborative development of semi structured interview to be used by specialist services to gather feedback from service users • development of online form for people to share their stories • lived experience input into training around honour-based abuse and forced marriage • using feedback and case studies as part of contract monitoring arrangements • partners sharing examples of using lived experience and service user feedback in service delivery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attendees at training that includes personal stories highlighted positive impacts on their understanding of and future responses to domestic abuse • attendees at Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership have highlighted the value of hearing personal stories and how they inspire improvements in service delivery • Example – impact of children’s voices in work with perpetrators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online questionnaire feedback to be analysed and fed back to individual agencies and the strategic partnership • Feedback to be provided to people who shared their experiences by producing a ‘you said, we did’ summary • Personal stories to feature in communications promoting the availability of services • Personal stories to be included in more workforce development activities, including training and web resources
<p>The Partnership will continue to build a robust evidence base to inform decision making.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of tableau dashboard based on police data • Improvements in reporting from DRAMM and MARAC processes • Working with the sector around consistency in reporting/ intelligence gathering • Monitoring against identified indicators – repeat cases, reports of coercive controlling behaviour and stalking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tableau dashboard informing work in communities • Better reporting from DRAMM and MARAC will enable better partnership oversight • Improvements in consistency in reporting activities of specialist sector enables us to evidence the impact of funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with specialist services around consistent use of systems/reporting against consistent outcomes • Developing capacity to monitor impact of community engagement work through increased reporting/uptake of services
<p>The Partnership will provide a range of opportunities for learning, development and support to establish a workforce</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of specialist training to support front line professionals working with families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A four day skills based training package (Safe and Together) has now been delivered to 71 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolling out broader training plan for professionals that ranges from basic awareness to upskilling MARAC chairs

Commitment in the Strategy	Activity	Impact	Plans for 2023-24
with the skills, knowledge, and systems needed to respond effectively to domestic abuse.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic awareness training to people working in communities – delivered in person, online and powerpoint with voice over now available through Council website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> professionals across the partnership • Basic awareness delivered to more than 1800 people in the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building on accessibility of basic awareness for broader range of community members
The Partnership will support specialist services to be innovative, adequately resourced and embedded across the local community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the sector to reshape commissioning arrangements • Working with sector to access funding from central government, including VAWG, Victims' Bill and work with perpetrators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive feedback from sector about exploring co-production approaches • Attracted additional £314,000 to invest in the sector • Submitted bids for further funding from Victims' Bill 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolling out partnership service - one point of contact and referral route to access range of services • Working with mayor's office around funding
The Partnership will work with local communities to understand the local picture of domestic abuse, barriers to accessing services and what more is needed to keep victims, survivors and their families safe and hold abusers to account for their behaviour.	<p>263 engagement activities reaching 2,768 people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70 awareness raising sessions have been delivered to 739 people based within the community • 101 awareness raising sessions and issue specific briefings have been delivered to 1062 professionals in Kirklees • 92 meetings have been held/attended with 967 professionals, anchors, community leads and members. <p>Showcase event scheduled for 23rd February 2023.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 739 people in community reporting that they had a greater awareness of domestic abuse; would feel more confident about approaching services for help; and more equipped to support someone who was experiencing domestic abuse; • 1062 people working in the community reporting that they had a greater awareness of domestic abuse; would feel more confident about approaching services for help; and more equipped to support someone who was experiencing domestic abuse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to engage with community to raise awareness • Provide additional briefings and resources on economic abuse and to support working with people who harm
All partners are committed to working internally and in partnership to respond to domestic abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with partners to agree key performance measures to track how individual agencies respond to domestic abuse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear, measurable indicators to measure success, challenges, and hold each other to account 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reassess in 6-12 months against established baseline •

Commitment in the Strategy	Activity	Impact	Plans for 2023-24
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Using the above to establish a baseline of performance that will be monitored		

Annexe C: Domestic Abuse Data

Prevalence & Crime Data

Reports

Data	2021-22	2022-23 (projected)	Difference
Calls to helplines	689	1,454	111%
Incidents reported to Police	11,436	12,172	6%
Crimes recorded by Police	8373	9772	17%

There has been a significant increase in calls to local helplines, which may be due to greater public awareness of local services through a combination of community engagement activity and national coverage of high profile cases (i.e. Sarah Everard, March 2021). In terms of crimes recorded, West Yorkshire Police have recently been commended for improvements in crime recording and have an incident/crime conversion rate above the national average.

Repeats (police incident data)

Data	2021-22	2022-23 (projected)	Difference
Repeat victim	47.90%	49.60%	1.70%
Repeat perpetrator	44.30%	45.90%	1.60%

Repeat rates are monitored as a key indicator – the Communities Partnership Plan aims to reduce the proportion of repeat incidents. Sadly there has been an increase in the proportion of repeats, both in terms of victims and suspects. Increasing pressure on families due to cost of living is likely to have an impact on domestic abuse rates and the Partnership will continue to monitor the impact of interventions to support victims, children and perpetrators.

Crime types (police crime data)

Data	2021-22	2022-23 (projected)	Difference
Violence	6642	6938	4%
Coercive Controlling Behaviour	295	626	112%
Stalking	616	746	21%
Sexual crimes	262	268	2%

There have been significant increases in recording coercive controlling behaviour crimes in Kirklees, which coincides with a range of activity to raise awareness of coercive control in the community. Increases in coercive controlling behaviour crimes are also showing across West Yorkshire as a result of improvements in investigations and crime recording. Similarly, increases in recording stalking crimes may be attributed to work across the partnership to raise awareness of stalking, stalking protection orders and improvements in recording.

Police outcomes

Data	2021-22	2022-23 (projected)	Difference
Victim declines/withdraws support	5110	5766	13%
Evidential difficulties (WYP)	2545	2448	-4%
Charged	358	362	1%

There has been an increase in the number of cases where victims decline to support police action or withdraw support for participating in a criminal process. The data in Kirklees reflects a national trend, as increasing pressures on the criminal justice process and the delays in cases progressing to court present additional challenges for keeping victims on board until a case can go to court.

Support & Protection for Victims

Victims supported by specialist services

Data	2021-22	2022-23 (projected)	Difference
Community based support	245	254	4%
Complex needs intervention	N/A	128	N/A
Sanctuary Support	78	78	0%
High risk intervention	247	300	21%
Supported in refuge	46	52	15%
Access to therapeutic support	251	605	140%
Support for victims of perpetrators on programme	12	40	233%
Total	648	876	135%

Through new investment, specialist services have been able to increase the support they can provide to victims. Some newer interventions have started to see further increases in quarter two as awareness of services grows and referrals increase.

Whole Family Approach

Prevalence data

Data	2021-22	2022-23 (projected)	Difference
Police incidents with children present	2434	2428	0%
Contacts at front door	744	830	12%
MARAC children linked	663	664	0%

Operation Encompass

Data	2021-22	2022-23 (projected)	Difference
Encompass - calls to schools	1524	1108	-27%
Encompass - how many CYP	1710	1440	-16%

Encompass notifications are passed on to schools during term time, as notifications cannot be shared when schools are closed. Therefore, figures for quarter two (which contributes to the projected data above) are much lower as no calls were made during the summer holiday.

Support provided by services

Data	2021-22	2022-23 (projected)	Difference
Children supported by PDAP therapeutic support	N/A	78	
Children support in refuge	16	28	75%
Children support in refuge	79	160	103%

Increased investment has enabled the partnership to significantly increase the availability of support for children affected by domestic abuse.

Supporting behaviour change in perpetrators

Data	2021-22	2022-23 (projected)	Difference
Supported through DAPP	11	65	491%

Investment in this programme has enable the Partnership to significantly increase support for perpetrators to change their behaviour. This service has seen further increases in quarter two as awareness of services grows and referrals increase.

Supporting victims with multiple needs and/or protected characteristics

Data	2021-22	2022-23 (projected)	Difference
Proportion of clients that are:			
LGBT	16	26	63%
BME	123	330	168%
Male victim	10	32	220%
Proportion of clients that report to have:			
Disability	157	440	180%
Mental health	135	370	174%
Substance Misuse	41	110	168%

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Male victim	2,852	3,114	9%

Housing

Data	2021-22	2022-23 (projected)	Difference
Number of contacts at Housing Solutions Service for emergency accommodation	80	72	-10%
Referrals to refuge	465	451	-3%
Supported in refuge	67	66	-1%

The funding provided to support victims in safe accommodation is to improve support available, but cannot be used for capital costs that would increase the number of units available for victims to use. Accordingly, funding has improved the support available and enabled services to target a more diverse range of clients, but has not resulted in an increase in the number of victims supported.

Annexe D: Safezones in Kirklees

Safezones are a partnership initiative between Kirklees Police, Kirklees Communities Service and Barnardos to establish areas where a women and children can access seek advice, support and help if they feel unsafe on the street.

Training has now been delivered to more than 70 staff incorporating Barnardo's education about CSE as well as Child Criminal Exploitation and preventing violence against women and girls, to allow the new zones to be established. Special stickers are now being placed in Safe Zone areas including major and local retailers, bus and railway stations, Huddersfield College, the University of Huddersfield and BID offices.

Safezones are supported and promoted by Community Environment Support Officers (CESOS), Detached youth work team, Community Safety Officers, Community Groups, Elected Members, Greenspace Action Team, Cleansing Teams, Traffic Enforcement, Housing and door staff.
Door staff

A full list of Safezone is provided below:

Huddersfield

- The Card Corner, Huddersfield bus station
- Deborah Ingham funeral services, Milnsbridge and Kirkburton
- Debonair unisex salon, Milnsbridge and Bradley
- La Fleur florist, Byram arcade, Huddersfield town centre
- Lions Kitchen, Woodhouse Hill, Fartown
- MHB Technologies, Paddock
- Nailtec, Marsh
- Ruddies Retreat tea rooms, Slaithwaite
- The Branch
- Costa Coffee
- Newspoint
- Unit 9, NHS Our Future Health
- Clinton - Kingsgate
- Clinton- New street
- Mcdonalds
- Huddersfield Bus station
- Huddersfield Railway Station
- University of Huddersfield
- Sainsburys
- Huddersfield Leisure Centre
- Huddersfield College
- Freddie's
- Huddersfield New College
- CHART
- Basement Project

Batley & Spennings

- Al-Hikmah Centre
- The Crescent & Co CIC

Rural

- Lu's Place
- Rudis
- Vanilla bean
- Acorn and Pip
- Joys Café House
- Burton Sweet Emporium and Tearoom
- Hats by Elizabeth Gates
- Maks
- Travel Experience
- THE UNIT FITNESS

Dewsbury

- Dewsbury Town Hall
- Customer Service Centre
- Super drug
- Costa
- Barclays
- Wilko
- Natwest
- Virgin Money
- Poundland
- Dewsbury Library
- Springfield Sixth form Centre Safeguarding Advisor



Name of meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Date: 6 February 2023

Title of report: Refresh of the Kirklees Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA) 2023

Purpose of report:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee with

- Findings emerging from the annual refresh of the Kirklees Strategic Intelligence (currently in draft)
- Provide a spotlight on Road Safety and Serious Violence
- Opportunity to discuss initial findings from the emerging Intelligence refresh and enable contribution to the ongoing delivery of the Communities Partnership Plan

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards? Decisions having a particularly significant effect on a single ward may also be treated as if they were key decisions.	Not Applicable
Key Decision - Is it in the <u>Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)</u>?	Key Decision – No Private Report/Private Appendix – No
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	No
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name	Service Director Jill Greenfield 25/01/2023 Strategic Director Mel Meggs 25/01/2023
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?	N/A N/A

Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	
Cabinet member <u>portfolio</u>	Cllr Carole Pattison

Electoral wards affected:

ALL

Ward councillors consulted: The SIA refresh is being discussed with ward Councillors at Safer Kirklees briefings and the opportunity to comment will be offered to political groups.

Public or private: **Public**

Has GDPR been considered? **Yes**

1. Summary

Section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a statutory duty on a number of responsible authorities to work in partnership to reduce crime and disorder. Known as Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) the act defines CSPs as “An alliance of organisations which generate strategies and policies, implement actions and interventions concerning crime and disorder within their partnership area”. In Kirklees this is the Communities Board, chaired by the Cabinet member for Communities, with a senior Police representative as Vice Chair.

The 1998 Crime and Disorder Act places a statutory duty on CSPs to develop a strategic plan which addresses multi-agency community safety issues affecting quality of life for residents.

The Strategic themes in the Partnership Plan are developed using the findings from a Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA) which brings together analysis of multi-agency intelligence from across community safety partners.

This refresh of the Partnership SIA is been undertaken to ensure the themes remain valid and any exceptions / areas of future focus are highlighted. There is a full review every 3 years. This first draft of the SIA is subject to ongoing discussions with partners and theme groups, alongside scrutiny, to finalise the document,

Strategic Intelligence Assessment (Annual Refresh) Key Messages (Appendix A)

The Draft Executive Summary of the Refresh of the Strategic Intelligence Assessment is shown in Appendix A.

From these findings, it is recommended that the Partnership Plan Themes remain the same with a continued focus on the following existing priorities:

Violence and Exploitation

- **Violence** – Development of Kirklees Strategy and Action plans to implement new Serious Violence Duty and West Yorkshire Violence against Women and girls strategy.
- **Exploitation** – Focus on preventing young people becoming involved in Urban Street Gangs (see footnote 1, for definition) and consequently at risk of Serious Violence.
- **Domestic Abuse** – Better understand what is behind the levels of repeat victims/incidents

Neighbourhood Crime and ASB

- **Neighbourhood Crime** – Partnership Strategy and action plan to be developed to supplement police response to Neighbourhood Crime through a place lens.

Inclusive and Resilient Communities

- **Migration & Asylum** – develop overarching strategy and governance to steer operational response and links between programmes that will ensure robust and supportive services that meet need and mitigate impact as required.
- **Hate Crime** – Identify how we can strengthen our hate crime prevention work

Reducing Risk

- **Drugs and Alcohol** – Local strategy and governance structures in place to meet new statutory requirements to establish Combatting Drugs Partnership to steer delivery and oversight of effective prevention, treatment and recovery and enforcement (links with serious violence).

A Spotlight on Road Safety (Appendix B)

Although the number of Fatal and Serious Road Traffic Casualties are generally reducing, road safety continues to be a top priority in terms of Community Safety Concerns for local people.

When this is explored, there appear to be place/neighbourhood specific issues although common areas of concern are speeding, loud vehicles and anti-social / dangerous parking.

The Communities Partnership Road Safety Strategy focuses on contributory factors to collisions, namely Vehicles, People, Locations and Times / Seasonality.

The refreshed Strategic Intelligence Assessment highlights the need to develop targeted approaches to address local concerns and ensure there is effective engagement and involvement of communities in neighbourhoods improving road safety ranging from use of hand-held community Speed Indicator Devices through to more collective action/campaigns to promote safer driving – further detail is provided in Appendix B.

A Spotlight on Serious Violence (Appendix C)

Serious violence includes offences such as homicide, violence against the person (e.g., knife and gun crime) and broader offending which might lead to serious violence such as drug dealing (particularly gang related), domestic abuse and alcohol related offending.

Serious violence is already an identified key priority within the Kirklees Communities Partnership Plan. The national Serious Violence Strategy published in 2018 allocated funding to 18 areas most affected by serious violence (SV). In 2019 the West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) was established and gained resources to focus on preventing and responding to serious violence.

The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts (PCSC) Act 2022 provides new duties in respect to Serious Violence. The specific new Serious Violence Duty requires specified authorities (Duty Holders) to work together to prevent and reduce serious violence, including identifying the kinds of serious violence that occur in the area, the causes of that violence, and to prepare and implement a strategy for preventing and reducing serious violence in the area. Exact timescales for the implementation are due to be confirmed shortly and we are working locally and regionally with partners to meet our responsibilities under the duty.

The refreshed SIA document, which has been developed using a range of data sets and profiles, such as the Kirklees Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) Local Profile, and the Kirklees Violence Reduction Needs Assessment highlights that whilst Serious Violence has reduced overall, there have been a small number of serious knife related incidents (some of which potentially connected with Urban Street Gangs (*see note (1) below*) which have created significant media interest and concern within communities. The most recent SOC profile highlights the top three wards for Most Serious Violence are also linked with high areas of deprivation and include town centres – Huddersfield and Dewsbury.

Urban Street Gangs are often young people, and not necessarily linked to organised crime groups. Datasets and intelligence is required from a variety of sources to understand the issues and challenges, alongside insight from the young people themselves via services that work directly with them, such as the Youth Engagement Service, and local voluntary and community groups.

A comprehensive partnership programme of work has been developed which focuses on (1) preventing people from committing violence, (2) intervening early to prevent individuals becoming entrenched in serious violence and (3) pursuing, disrupting and prosecuting those who commit serious violence. Further detail can be found in Appendix C.

Work on Serious Violence takes place across Kirklees, although there has been particular focus on some of the Wards which have been identified as priority areas for enhanced work.

Findings from the refreshed SIA alongside ongoing engagement with communities and partners highlight the need to continue the focused approach on tackling serious violence both to prevent immediate harm and reduce risk factors in the longer term.

(1) Urban Street gangs are gangs formed by youths in urban areas, and are known primarily for street fighting. The term "street gang" is commonly refers to neighbourhood or street-based youth groups that meet "gang" criteria. Urban street gangs tend to be less organised than OCGs and more concerned with perpetuating a threat of violence or harm across a geographical area related to the gang's main activities. These types of gangs can be involved in varied forms of serious criminality that can have a significant impact on local communities. The term "Gang" does not have a precise definition. Section 34(5) of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, as amended by the Serious Crime Act 2015, provides that something is 'gang related' if it occurs in the course of, or is otherwise related to, the activities of a group that:

Consists of at least three people; and

Has one or more characteristics that enable its members to be identified by others as a group.

2. Information required to take a decision

A decision is not required, but a contribution from the Overview and Management Scrutiny Committee in the review and refinement of the current delivery to ensure priorities remain appropriate focused is welcomed.

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Working with People

The Communities Partnership Plan will continue to put the victims and witnesses of crime and disorder at the heart of our approach, we want to be better at capturing the lived experience of our most vulnerable residents to inform future service delivery. We acknowledge that supporting the victims and witness of crime and disorder, including repeat victims, cuts across all aspects of any Community Safety Plan, and we will continue to work closely with colleagues in Adult and Children's safeguarding to ensure our most vulnerable individuals and communities are supported.

Our restorative approach of working 'with' local people and elected members to solve problems at the earliest possible opportunity compliments our overarching work around prevention and early intervention, building on the positives within communities.

3.2 Working with Partners

It is vital that partners work collaboratively and with local communities to create safer communities and provide reassurance. The Communities Partnership Plan will continue to build upon the relationships already in place, such as utilising approaches from Public Health to tackle serious violence and harnessing the expertise and capacity in local communities to achieve the desired shared outcomes.

The cross-cutting nature of crime and disorder means that collaboration with other Boards is essential in achieving successful outcomes. Issues such as Exploitation and Youth Violence are priorities for both the Communities Board and the Children's Partnership therefore continuing to build collaboration and identifying shared outcomes and approaches is essential to our success moving forward.

3.3 Place Based Working

It is critical that the diverse geography and communities of Kirklees are at the forefront of delivering the Communities Partnership Plan. Through the development and delivery of local action plans, areas will see enhanced service delivery to tackle the current issue and to prevent future issues

3.4 Climate Change and Air Quality

As part of our commitment to climate change and air quality Safer Kirklees continue to use electric vehicles which enables our Community and Environmental Support Officers to travel across the district in an environmentally friendly way. Virtual working has resulted in a significant decrease in the use of paper for partnership meetings with most if not all meetings being paper free. The Partnership does however still acknowledge the need and benefit of meeting face to face, especially with local communities, residents and the most vulnerable and continues to increase its visibility post restrictions.

3.5 Improving outcomes for children

The strategic themes within the Partnership Plan all have an impact upon children and young people within Kirklees. We have made significant investment in children and young people in our approach to Domestic Abuse and our work to reduce violence in under 25s in partnership with the West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit, which should support the prevention of future generations becoming involved in/or the victim of serious crime. The Partnership are engaging in new and emerging issues such as water safety where we will look to reduce this risk at the earliest opportunity through education, prevention and early intervention

3.6 Financial Implications for the people living or working in Kirklees

Being the victim of crime, anti-social behaviour or road safety problems has a significant impact on individuals and communities at both an emotional and economic perspective. Research has shown a recurrent pattern of increases in crimes such as burglary and shoplifting during economic downturns – there is some evidence highlighting diversification of offending into lower risk / higher gain offending such as fraud (including online). Where tensions are reduced and communities are more inclusive, there are more opportunities for collaborative working to achieve shared outcomes.

3.7 Other (eg Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA)/Legal/Financial or Human Resources) Consultees and their opinions

The Partnership in exercising its requirements under Section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 should prepare an annual PSIA and prepare and implement a Community Safety Plan. In 2022, the partnership will be required to prepare and implement a strategy to tackle serious violence with the introduction of a new statutory duty. The Legal challenges and demands associated with tackling our most prolific ASB offenders continues to be time consuming and costly.

4. Consultation

The Communities Partnership Board will review the emerging findings and initial thoughts on areas of focus. There will be an opportunity for political groups, partners, ward members and Voluntary & Community Sector groups to receive a briefing relating to the SIA refresh and associated Partnership Plan delivery and this will inform the delivery moving forward.

5. Engagement

The Refresh of the Strategic Intelligence Assessment is produced in collaboration with Theme Group Leads and key partners who are responsible for delivering Partnership Plan themes and therefore are able to provide additional insight and sense checking.

6. Next steps and timelines

The refreshed Strategic Intelligence Assessment will be used to review and highlight areas for additional focus. The final SIA, engagement feedback and recommendations will be discussed at Communities Board in March 2023.

7. Officer recommendations and reasons

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee provide views on the key findings from the refreshed Strategic Intelligence Assessment and associated areas of focus for Communities Partnership Plan delivery.

8. Cabinet Portfolio Holder's recommendations

Scrutiny is asked to note the report and updates and give views on the emerging priority themes for the Partnership plan

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10. Background Papers and History of Decisions

A copy of the draft refresh of the Strategic Intelligence Assessment is appended to this report. Scrutiny has been engaged with in the development of the current Partnership Plan.

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Kirklees Community Safety Partnership Strategic Intelligence Assessment – Executive Summary 2022



Strategic Intelligence Assessment Refresh 2022/23 DRAFT

Executive Summary

Key Themes

Violence and Exploitation

The number of **serious violent incidents** have remained consistent when compared with 2021/22. There have been a small number, but serious, knife crime incidents, especially in the South of the Borough that have received significant media attention and have resulted in community tension concerns. There is a range of work ongoing in Kirklees, violence-based action plans are developing to tackle and prevent violence in six identified wards and elected members are/will be at the heart of these. In addition to the partnership space, the Police of course, have this as a key priority. Kirklees has been the most successful in West Yorkshire to reduce violent crime in the night time economy.

The **West Yorkshire Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG)** Strategy has been launched and work is being done to embed this into the work of the partnership including the night bus, Ask for Angela and work to make parks safer, this work will continue to develop this year, informed by data and insight.

Domestic Abuse incidents are increasing inline with the national trend although the rate for West Yorkshire (33 incidents per 1,000 population) is above the national rate of 24 incidents per 1,000 population. In Kirklees over 1,700 people have engaged with community activities to raise the profile of domestic abuse. Victim support services are due to be recommissioned, providing an opportunity to look more broadly at the support services for victims, children and perpetrators to enable the commissioning of whole family support services, making navigating services easier. Repeat incidents are of concern and require further exploration.

The number of reports of **Modern Slavery** to the National Reporting Mechanism (NRM) is increasing in Kirklees. There has been multi agency modern slavery training delivered in partnership with West Yorkshire Police which has reached approximately 100 people from partnership organisations and services, and this awareness may be resulting in the increase in reports.

Neighbourhood Crime & ASB

Kirklees is the safest place to be in West Yorkshire with 108 crimes per 1,000 population. There has been an 8.3% increase in the **total crime** incidents recorded in 2022/23 when compared with the same period in 2021/22 and currently this is being projected to 50,225 incidents at year end. Theft offences have decreased however violence against a person and stalking and harassment have seen large increases in Kirklees which is mirrored nationally and regionally.

The number of **vehicle offences** reported to Police has increased by 18% to 1,183 incidents. Theft of motor vehicles is on the rise as a result of people being more mobile since the end of the Pandemic. The centres of Huddersfield, Dewsbury and Batley are hotspots.

Although the number of **residential burglaries** have increased by 10%, the decreasing trend that was witnessed at the start of the Pandemic has continued, with the incidents peaking in the winter months around December.

There has been a reduction in the number of reported **nuisance ASB** incidents in 2022/23 by 30%, this is consistent with the reduction in residents that consider ASB a problem in their local area from the Your Views survey. **ASB Driving**, problem parking and youths being rowdy in public places were the top 3 ASB concerns from the survey.

All wards apart from Birstall and Birkenshaw, Dewsbury East and Golcar have seen reductions in reported ASB incidents from the previous year and there has been continued partnership action to tackle ASB in local areas.

The number of **fly tipping incidents** reported is increasing, it is projected that there will be over 7,000 fly tipping incidents for 2022/23. Most notably the incidents reported in Dewsbury East have doubled in this period which is contributing to the Dewsbury and Mirfield area seeing a 20% increase in incidents.

There has been a 55% increase in the number of **deliberate fires** reported to WY Fire and Rescue service, 1,654 incidents are being projected for year end. Batley and Spennings Dale have seen the largest increase in deliberate fires by 131% in reported incidents. We will work with the Fire Service to understand what is behind this.

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Building Resilient & Inclusive Communities

The number of **hate crime** incidents have increased in Kirklees with 332 repeat victims compared with 262 in the previous year to date. Better recording methods have been embedded which can partly explain the increase in total incidents but not the necessarily the repeat victims. Going forward there is the focus on delivering the hate crime strategy through a collaborative multi-agency action plan and exploring what we can do to strengthen our prevention work and understand and reduce the repeats.

The % of **young people who report feeling safe** in their neighbourhood has reduced from 72.8% in 2019 to 62.7% in 2022. The top three reasons for young people feeling unsafe in 2022 are, the people who hang about, people carrying knives and drug dealing. The first two of these reasons reflect the perceptions data of knife and serious violent crime, with the media focusing on a small number of tragic incidents.

The percentage of people who agree that **people from different backgrounds get on well together** in the local area has increased from 53.6% in 2021 to 67.5% in 2022. To continue to create the conditions for inclusive communities, the Kirklees Inclusive Communities Framework (ICF) is currently in implementation phase with a number of services now beginning to adopt the approach.

Prevent - The most recently available national threat assessment indicates that the highest risk in term of counter terrorism comes from Islamist Extremist ideologies. However, in Kirklees, most referrals come from the Far Right and increasingly concerns with no or mixed ideology. Online activity continues to be our greatest challenge.

Migration & Asylum – During 2022, over 800 individuals were supported through the migration and asylum seeker workstream called #KirkleesWelcomes

The focus of this work during the year has been reactive, responding to the Ukraine crisis and developing a local response for the Homes for Ukraine programme which was established at short notice and 450 people arrived in 8 months and the support for and impact of, asylum seekers in contingency (hotel or apartments) accommodation, this resulted in some protests from right wing organisations from outside Kirklees.

Families have also still been supported to settle as they arrived at Kirklees in 2022 from Afghanistan and the Middle East and North Africa through the Home Office Afghan Relocation Programmes and UK Resettlement Scheme. This is likely to be an area of continued growth as the Government disperse Asylum seekers from contingency accommodation/hotels.

Reducing Risk

The number of fatal and serious **Road Collisions** in Kirklees is in line with pre pandemic levels and is showing a long-term reduction, with the data for 2020/21 being an anomaly due to the various lockdowns and mobility restrictions. Although the target relates to the number of casualties, we are on target to have a reduction in serious and fatal incidents in 2022/23. Public perception surveys indicate that road safety continues to be a concern in specific localities, despite these reductions, with problem parking also being cited as an issue in surveys.

The Kirklees **Water Safety** strategy primarily focuses on reducing drowning and the risks associated with entering waters either intentionally or by accident. Although incidents can occur at any time of the year, they tend to cluster during hot weather particularly during holidays. There is also an increased risk in freezing conditions and when waters are high and fast flowing. During 2022, the main issues for partners were with large groups of people going to popular sites with potential risks around water safety, anti-social behaviour and inconsiderate parking.

The latest needs assessment estimates around 4% Kirklees residents use **drugs** recreationally and 1% use daily. Proportions indicate high unmet need and data suggested that around 40% of opiate and nearly half of crack users are not in treatment. In terms of alcohol, the same report estimates 78% drink alcohol (32% to excess) which may be linked to an increasing trend in hospital admissions for liver disease. It is estimated that 74% of dependent drinkers living in Kirklees are not in treatment. Work is being undertaken to ensure Kirklees is delivering on the new statutory requirements to develop a Combatting Drugs Partnership and develop a joint response to some of these challenges with a focus on prevention, treatment and recovery and enforcement.

Data Recommendation

Following the data stock take for the Serious Violence Duty it is recommended the serious violence category within the SIA be split into the different domains, as the crimes included are very varied.

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Appendix B – Focus on Road Safety

Background

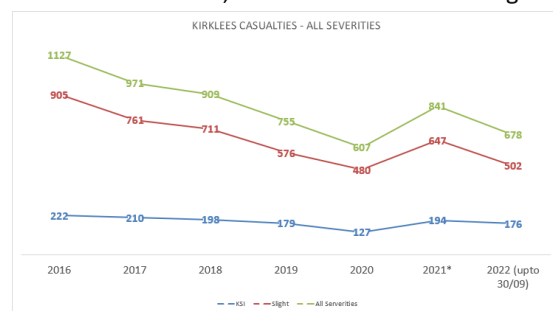
Improving road safety was identified as a priority in the Communities Partnership Plan (2022 – 27) under the “Reducing Risk” theme.

The 2 main reasons that road safety was identified as a priority were (1) to continue to reduce the number of people **killed and seriously injured** on the roads and (2) to tackle the issues of key concern and detrimental to **perceptions of safety** for all road users.

Summary of SIA Refresh Key Messages:

Road Traffic Collisions – The number of people who are Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI) in a road traffic collision has reduced by 60% over the past decade. There was a significant reduction over lockdown due to travel restrictions over that time – numbers have since increased from this blip and returned to the overall reducing trajectory since then.

Current Position, Trends and Benchmarking



The vast majority (84%) of casualties experienced “slight” injuries as opposed to being “killed / seriously injured” (16%). Latest figures for Kirklees show overall reduction in KSI for pedestrians (16%), cyclists (47%), motorbikes (4%), children (0.7%) although there was a 36% (26 occupants compared with previous 5 year average) increase in KSI for motor vehicles which has been linked to the impact of COVID on traffic volumes in 2020 and the introduction of a new system to record traffic collisions which has increased the proportion of casualties recorded as “serious”.

Current position, trends and benchmarking cont.

5-year average data (2016-2020 vs 2021)				
	Kirklees KSI	WY KSI	Kirklees all severities	WY all severities
	↓ 15.7%	↓ 7%	↑ 8.3%	↑ 8.3%
	↓ 47.3%	↓ 33%	↓ 38.6%	↓ 38.6%
	↓ 3.8%	↓ 20%	↑ 0.9%	↓ 15.2%
	↑ 36.4%	↑ 25%	↓ 16.8%	↓ 12.3%
	↓ 0.7%	↑ 0.6%	↓ 10.7%	↓ 4.5%
	↑ 3.6%	↑ 2.7%	↓ 3.8%	↓ 1.4%

Perceptions of Road Safety – Despite these overall reductions, road safety continues to be consistently the top community safety priority from the quarterly survey conducted by the West Yorkshire Mayor’s Office. When this was explored in more depth, the most frequently cited concerns were speeding vehicles (71% of respondents) and problem parking in neighbourhoods (69%). Analysis of qualitative data showed concerns focused on locations such as schools and outside of people’s houses both from a safety and consideration for other people.

The Wards with the highest number of concerns around dangerous driving are in North Kirklees and rural areas (Cleckheaton, Kirkburton, Liversage & Gomersal, Mirfield and Denby Dale). The same survey highlights that people sighting road safety as a concern are more likely to feel generally safe in their neighbourhoods –

people who feel less safe are more likely to identify drug dealing and anti-social behaviour as top concerns.

The latest results from the (now online) Mayor's survey for Kirklees further amplify the issue due to a significant number of responses coming from a small number of wards which have active community campaigning relating to road safety concerns.

Kirklees Communities Partnership Plan Road Safety Strategy & Action Plan

The Partnership Plan Road Safety Strategy aligns with the strategic aims in both the Kirklees Highways Road Safety Strategy and the Police and Crime Plan for West Yorkshire in particular, the "Vision Zero" which aims to have 0 fatalities on our roads by 2049.

The Partnership Plan road safety strategy and associated action plans are based on all aspects of collisions – namely the features of **vehicles**, **people** (both drivers and other parties), **locations** and **times** of the day / year when collisions peak. . Where perception and data/evidence do not match we are developing approaches to better involve communities in solutions. This might involve gathering additional data through the use of the hand held speed indicator devices; the development of a speed watch group to monitor and campaign for safer driving in the neighbourhood or it may be that the solution is a physical improvement issue and there are criteria and formal processes that would need to be followed.

Vehicle Issues – focusing on unsafe / inconsiderate parking, loud vehicles and uninsured / taxed vehicles.

Driver behaviours – focusing on driving under influence of drink / drugs, speeding, use of mobile phones and failure to wear seatbelts (including passengers)

Vulnerable road users – awareness raising and training for cyclists / motorcyclists, pedestrians and drivers regarding safe behaviours.

Location issues – focusing on specific locations e.g. schools / "hot" spots and broader area issues (e.g. Rural / North Kirklees) – with particular focus on community engagement and use of technology such as Speed Indicator Devices.

Times – Not surprisingly, road traffic collisions peak at times of the day when there are more vehicles on the roads, for example morning / evening "rush" hours. There is also a seasonal dimension associated with darker nights and risks at particular times of the year – for example drink driving around Christmas period / bank holidays. The Road Safety Partnership Action Plan highlights a number of activities such as multi-agency operations, targeted publicity and engagement to promote behaviour change.

Some of the highlight activities in the past 12 months include:

Community Speed Indication Devices to support community and school engagement projects across the Kirklees District. These devices act as a non-

confrontational warning to drivers, warning them of their speed via an LED display and putting social pressure on them to decrease speed when required.

Multi-Agency Road Safety operations – using a combination of education and enforcement activities, typically operations will see defective vehicles seized, arrests for driving whilst disqualified or without tax / insurance, speed limit enforcement and drink / drug driving.

Schools / College engagement – variety of activities including working with establishments on safe travel plans and mode shift accreditation, targeting dangerous parking and use of seat belts and safety messages through pupil engagement. Currently, 44 primary schools are registered on mode shift with 27 actively engaged – 6 secondary schools registered with 2 actively engaged.

Calendar of events – These have focused on linking to national campaigns such as Road Safety Week but also seasonal issues such as Christmas drink / drug drive campaign, dark nights: be bright and activities around school holidays.

Partnership Road Safety Communications to ensure joined up approach to messages towards target groups and locations. There were targeted campaigns around road safety week (highlighting driver / pedestrian distractions) and over the festive period (mainly around drink / drug driving).

Develop **intelligence infrastructure** bring together road safety intelligence from a variety of sources (collision data, dashcam footage, speed indicator devices, local perceptions) to implement evidence led implementation plan based on understanding risk with target groups and locations.

In terms of wider Road Safety Activities which contribute towards Safer Roads, Kirklees Highways Service have undertaken:

- Recently updated Highway Safety Strategy in line with Vision Zero
- Working alongside partners to develop a data led Kirklees Road Safety partnership Vision Zero action plan
- Undertaken district wide speed limit review
- c37 Safety focused engineering schemes currently being built or in design
- Supporting Cllrs in the re-establishment of Cllr lead SIDs across the district
- Continuing to promote and support schools in Mode-shift and active travel to school through Mode-shift Stars initiative
- Continuing the yearly programme of Road Safety training in schools
- Priority lead refreshing of road markings across the district

What is working well and what more we need to do more of?

- Further explore successful community-based solutions used elsewhere
- Support communities/elected members to make use of the hand-held SID's
- Develop and expand work with college age drivers/learners on the impact of dangerous driving
- Improve data and evidence to better identify place-based road safety issues
- Universal and targeted communication campaigns 'nudge' approach

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Appendix 2 – Spotlight on Tackling Serious Violence

Definition of Serious Violence

The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts (PCSC) Act 2022 defines Serious violence as homicide, violence against the person (e.g., knife and gun crime) and broader offending which might lead to serious violence such as drug dealing (particularly gang related), domestic abuse and alcohol related offending.

The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts (PCSC) Act 2022 also provides new duties in respect to Serious Violence. *The specific new Serious Violence Duty requires specified authorities (Duty Holders) to work together to prevent and reduce serious violence, including identifying the kinds of serious violence that occur in the area, the causes of that violence, and to prepare and implement a strategy for preventing and reducing serious violence in the area. Local Authorities are defined as specified duty holders within the PCSC Act.*

Current Intelligence Picture

The latest figures available (12 Months to November 2022) show a 14.4% reduction (from 271 to 232 offences) in Serious Violence in Kirklees compared with the previous 12 months however there have been a small number of knife crime incidents in some wards, specifically South Kirklees that have received significant media interest linked Urban Street Gangs which has resulted in targeted direct work.

The latest (2022/23) Serious Violence Assessment produced by the West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit highlights the following key points,

Possession of weapons offences have shown a more significant increase than crime generally; however, these offences are directly linked to targeted police activity and are as likely to reflect a change in policing practices as an actual increase in people carrying weapons.

Knife Crime

Knife Crime has slightly exceeded pre-COVID-19 levels in the last year. Offences increased by 5% on last year, and by 8% on year ending September 2019. There have been 2326 knife crime offences across West Yorkshire recorded in the year ending September 2022, of which almost half were violence with injury (48%), with robbery making up almost another third (31%). Most of the violence without injury offences (18%) were threats to kill and almost all were domestic related. Over a quarter of all recorded knife crime in the year was domestic related.

Knife Crime	2020/21	2021/22	Difference	
Bradford	565	502	-63	-11%
Calderdale	150	163	13	9%
Kirklees	366	364	-2	-1%
Leeds	908	999	91	10%
Wakefield	236	297	61	26%
Total	2225	2325	100	5%

Hospital statistics

The Office for Health Improvement and Disparities reported that hospital admissions for assault with a sharp object in West Yorkshire in 2021/22 increased on the previous year by 28% ([Hospital Episode Statistics \(HES\) NHS Digital](#)). However, 2020/21 was significantly impacted by restrictions on movement and social contact as well as there being restricted access to hospitals during the height of the pandemic. Compared to the pre-pandemic year 2018/19, hospital admissions for assault with a sharp object have fallen by 13%. Provisional data for the first six months of 2022/23 suggest numbers of admissions could be considerably lower than 2021/22.

TABLE 18 - HOSPITAL EPISODE STATISTICS (HES) NHS DIGITAL

Local Authority of residence	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	April 22 – Sept 22 (provisional)
Bradford	55	35	40	45	60	35	50	20
Calderdale	10	15	15	20	10	10	*	*
Kirklees	35	55	55	60	40	30	45	20
Leeds	85	75	105	110	105	85	95	45
Wakefield	20	20	25	30	30	30	40	10

Current Interventions

Tackling serious violence in Kirklees is co-ordinated through the Communities Board although there are close links with the boards for Health and Well Being, Children and Adults services.

Governance arrangements are in place to monitor the work being undertaken to tackle violence/ knife crime through the Kirklees Gold, Silver, and Bronze Violence Partnership Groups.

Gold Violence Group is responsible for the partnerships approach and strategic direction in tackling violence/ knife crime, which includes adopting a public health approach. This group will also oversee the new Serious Violence Duty which places legislation on Public Bodies, including the Local Authority to work together to share data and target interventions to prevent serious violence.

Silver Violence Group is responsible for the co-ordination and delivery of activity to tackle violence / knife crime.

Bronze Violence Group is responsible for the partnership action to disrupt individuals and tackle organised crime groups (OCGs) across the district.

The approach to tackling Serious Violence is based on the following key principles:

1. **Preventing people from committing serious violence** by developing resilience, supporting positive alternatives and timely interventions
2. **To Intervening Early to prevent individuals become entrenched in Serious Violence** and Organised Criminal Activity

3. **To pursue, disrupt and prosecute those who commit serious violent crimes**, ensuring an effective policing and criminal justice system response, especially for victims

The Partnership acknowledge that violence can take place anywhere in the district and individuals and groups involved in violence can be fluid and move between wards, localities, and geographical borders. However, to make best use of the resources, using available Local Profiles and Needs Assessments (Serious and Organised Crime Local Profile and the Kirklees Violence Reduction Needs Assessment), the partnership have identified 6 x priority wards for engagement, activity and enhanced work. These wards include: -

- **Ashbrow**
- **Crosland Moor and Netherton**
- **Dalton**
- **Batley East and West**
- **Dewsbury West**

**The Partnership also acknowledge the data and intelligence for other wards of note/ to watch which include the Greenhead and Newsome ward.

Using funding through the West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit, a similar approach is taken within each of the wards however, it should be noted that some wards do receive more resources, for example, due to availability, and networks. The approach within each of the 6 x wards includes:-

1. **Funding of community projects** to divert and build resilience
2. **Educational interventions to work with young people in educational settings** to raise awareness and build resilience
3. **Early intervention for those identified at risk** through 1-1 and group mentoring
4. **Place based engagement, utilising partnership resources**, including knife sweeps, partnership officer presence and engagement and enforcement tactics.

The following key performances measures have been identified as indicative measures of success within each ward: -

- a reduction in hospital admissions for assaults with a knife or sharp object, especially among those victims aged under twenty-five
- a reduction in knife-enabled serious violence, especially amongst those victims aged under twenty-five
- a reduction in all non-domestic homicides, especially amongst those victims aged under twenty-five involving knives.
- a reduction in robbery offences overall
- a reduction in robbery using a sharp or bladed article

Summary of Interventions/ activities to tackle violence:-

Preventing people from committing serious violence

- **Funding of community projects** to divert and build resilience in local communities, improving local communication networks and sharing any learning and best practice
- **Educational inputs/ workshops within Primary and Secondary Schools.** This includes commissioning of Yorkshire Mentoring to deliver approved, bespoke interventions and resources and supporting West Yorkshire Police with the delivery of their Pol-Ed resource of which 54% of Primary Schools and 79% of Secondary Schools in Kirklees engaged in the workshop/ materials. Working with the Violence Reduction Unit and partners we are looking more deeply into what has worked locally and regionally elsewhere, the quality of input and impact of funded projects in Kirklees. This also includes how we continue to improve our support and coordination for our schools and colleges, but also more widely across the system.
- **Train the Trainer Secondary Education workshops sessions** for Designated Safety Leads/ Community Organisations across Kirklees on knife crime/ violence for delivery within their own groups/ schools to young people
- Roll out of the **Ask for Angela Campaign** across the district in bars, pubs, and nightclubs. This is being extended to restaurants, libraries and other public facing buildings. [Night safety | Kirklees Council](#)
- **Targeted work in Greenhead and Crow Nest Park** through funding via Safer Streets to make the parks look and feel safer, particularly for women and girls i.e., through additional lighting, gates, fencing etc, alongside funding of local community organisations to run positive activities within the parks.
- **Partnership Intelligence Portal submissions**– Through training of officers and partners via WYP and Safer Kirklees, Kirklees continue to submit the highest number of intelligence submissions across West Yorkshire. The latest awareness raising activity has resulted Kirklees providing 50% (339) of submissions to the PIP, up from 40% (265) last quarter.
- **Visual Audits** within areas to improve look and feel of area i.e., lighting, vegetation cutbacks, this also includes knife sweeps.

To Intervening Early to prevent individuals become entrenched in Serious Violence

- **1-1 Mentoring support** for young people identified as being at risk of violence/ exploitation. This work has been commissioned by Safer Kirklees to Yorkshire Mentoring.

- Dedicated **Street Marshalls for Huddersfield Town Centre** at key times/ days – Wednesday evening (Student Night), Friday and Saturday Evening. Street Marshalls work from approx. 10pm – 5am.
- **Mobile Night Safety Bus**, working in partnership with LOCALA and Chart to support individuals that may become vulnerable within the Night Time Economy in Huddersfield Town Centre on a Wednesday and Saturday evenings until 3:00am. [Night safety | Kirklees Council](#).
[Hop on the Night Safety Bus - Kirklees Together](#)
- **Developing pathways with Dewsbury and Huddersfield A&E departments** to support early referral processes for individuals, particularly those under the age of twenty-five with support should they present with knife injuries/ injuries related to violence. This work has also included new relationships and partnerships with LGI where several injured Kirklees individuals have been taken for treatment.
- **Focussed ‘Deterrent / Teachable moments Car’** – Services have been commissioned to work with the Police on a Friday and Saturday evening to visit identified areas of increased risk due to violent incidents and or the data and intelligence picture related to ASB. The deterrent car is a Police Officer and Mentor engaging with young people in locality, signposting to positive activities, gathering information and intelligence and having a physical presence within the area.

To pursue, disrupt and prosecute those who commit serious violent crimes,

- **Operation Jemlock** – Police operation with dedicated officers engaging in identified wards/ streets based upon real time intelligence and information to prevent violence but also target those known to be involved in serious and organised crime and violence.
- Neighbourhood Policing Teams continue to proactively target known nominals linked to violence using disruption techniques. Police colleagues have been visiting local voluntary and community groups building relationships in areas where serious violence is of concern to local people and elected members. Strong links have been forged between the Police and partners, in particular with the Council, with clear communication channels, co working and shared planning and response activity.
- Safer Kirklees continue to **deploy Community Environmental Support Officers (CESOS)** on a weekly basis to priority areas to patrol and engage with local businesses, community assets, residents, and councillors. They help reassure communities, as well as gather intelligence around criminal activity that is then shared with the police through the partnership intelligence portal.

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Scrutiny Lead Member Report

Lead Member: Cllr Andrew Marchington : Children's Scrutiny Panel

Period of Update : From October 2022 – December 2022

Panel Highlights

Bi-monthly Lead member briefings with:

Senior Officers in Children's Services

- Service Director – Learning and Early Support
- Service Director – Resources Improvement and Partnerships
- Service Director – Family Support and Child Protection
- Strategic Director for Children's Services

Cabinet Members

- Children (Statutory responsibility for Children)
- Learning, Aspiration and Communities

Panel Activity and meetings -

- Panel meeting on 31st October 2022 – Outcomes of the Joint Area Targeted multi-agency Inspection; Performance Management data; (Informal meeting - Educational Outcomes and GCSE results)
- Informal Panel meeting on 12th December 2022 – Alternative Provision (AP) Education in Kirklees
- Visits to –
 - Homestart Kirklees AGM 13th October 2022,
 - Children's Social Care Team (Dewsbury) 14th October 2022
 - PCAN Social events in November and December 2022
 - PCAN AGM on 17th November 2022
 - Local Offer AGM on 17th November 2022
 - Children with Disabilities Team on 13th December 2022
 - Children's Social Care Team (The Valleys – Slaithwaite) on 13th December 2022

Outcomes:

Outcomes of the Joint Area Targeted multi-agency Inspection

In October 2022, the Panel considered a report on the Joint Area Targeted multi-agency Inspection that highlighted the following -

- The inspection took place from 27th June 2022 to 1st July 2022 and was carried out by inspectors from Ofsted, the Care Quality Commission and Her Majesty's inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire Rescue Services.
- The outcomes were provided by letter which summarised the headline findings and provided areas that needed improving.
- The letter from Ofsted explained that the inspectors had found that Kirklees safeguarding children's partners had significant knowledge of their local area and demand, practice with their agencies and the experiences of children.

Mature relationships within the Kirklees Safeguarding Children's Partnership enabled partners to challenge each other effectively which demonstrated the well-established respect for, and equality of, partners views.

- The Inspectors had determined that Kirklees Council was the principal authority and should prepare a written statement of proposed actions responding to the findings outlined in the letter which was to be a multi-agency response.

The Panel acknowledged the "What needs to improve" and thanked Kirklees staff and partners for the hard work they undertake.

Partnership Visits:

Children's Social Care Team (Dewsbury)

The Panel attended the Social Care Team in Dewsbury on 14th October 2022 as part of the work programme to meet in-person and speak to front line staff and Team Managers. The Panel asked questions relating to management of data collection and performance, working with partners, the voice of the child and how this was taken into account, good practice, and delivery of quality service. The team expressed that although there were vacancies in their team, they felt well supported by their managers and from other teams.

Parents of children with additional needs (PCAN)

Following the visit to PCAN in September, some members of the Panel attended PCAN social meetings in November and December 2022 to engage with parents /carers of children with SEND. A range of professionals attended the social meeting in December 2022, with a representative from the Local Offer Team requesting feedback on their new booklet that had been produced.

Children with Disabilities Team

The Panel attended the Children with Disabilities team on 13th December 2022 as part of the work programme to meet staff in-person and speak to managers. The main points considered at the meeting were around data collection, partnership working, the voice of the child, good practice and delivery of quality service. The Panel also spoke to Team Managers about future development and supervision of staff.

Children's Social Care Team (The Valleys – Slaithwaite)

The Panel attended the Social Care Team in Slaithwaite on 13th December 2022 to meet in-person and speak to managers and asked questions around data collection and performance, partnership working, the voice of the child and examples of where this was put into practice and delivery of quality service. The Connected Persons Team had transferred to the Valleys in July 2022 which included special guardianship or foster carers who wanted to become special guardians. Approximately 500 children were not in care as a result of special guardianship orders.

Looking Ahead

At the meeting scheduled for 23rd January 2023, the Panel will consider a report on the Budget process (Children's Services).

At the meeting scheduled for the 20th March 2023, the Panel will consider a report providing a progress update on Mental Health in Schools and CAMHS waiting times,

and an update on Children's Services Care Reforms.

The Panel have been invited to attend the Educational Outcomes Committee on the 10th January 2023 and the Quality Assurance Panel on 17th January 2023.

Members of the Panel will visit the Mental Health in Schools Team on the 21st February 2023 and the Huddersfield Child Protection Team on the 23rd February.

General Comments

Since our last update to council, we have continued our visits to groups and services, as well as extending their scope. The visits have provided vital corroboration (triangulation) of information presented at panels and in briefings. They also provide opportunities for overview and gathering additional information about needs, outcomes, and service delivery. In addition, there have been opportunities to gain vital insights into the lived experience of children, young people, parents, carers, and those working with and for young people.

Once again, I extend the thanks of the panel for everyone's conscientious work and for the warm welcome we have received and openness in our discussions.

Cllr Andrew Marchington
Lead Member for Children's Scrutiny Panel

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Kirklees Council

Scrutiny Lead Member Report

Lead Member: Cllr Jackie Ramsay

Panel: Health and Adult Social Care

Period of Update: From: November 2022 to January 2023

Panel Highlights

During the reporting period the Lead Member has had briefings with a number of key contacts from across the local health and adult social care system including:

- Emily Parry-Harries – Head of Public Health.
- Michael Crowther - Chief Executive The Kirkwood Hospice
- Catherine Wormstone - Director of Primary Care, Kirklees Health and Care Partnership
- Richard Parry – Strategic Director for Adults and Health.
- Jane Close - Chief Operating Officer, Locala
- Jill Greenfield - Service Director Customer and Communities, Kirklees Council
- Amanda Evans - Service Director Kirklees Council Adult Social Care Operations
- Cllr Musarrat Khan – Cabinet Member Health and Social Care.

Panel Meeting – 13 December 2022

New Plan for Adult Social Care Reform

Representatives from Kirklees Adult Social Care provided the Panel with an update on the social care reforms. It was noted that although the charging element of the reforms had been delayed until October 2025 the Council would still need to start work on preparing for the changes from the summer 2023.

The Panel was also told that the Council would be commissioning external support to model the impact of the charging reform, demographic demand and to identify opportunities for savings.

Other areas discussed included: the main drivers of social care reform; the Council's vision for adult social care; and the challenges facing the Council as a result of the increased costs associated with the reforms.

Joined up Care in Kirklees Neighbourhoods

The Panel considered how local primary care services via the Primary Care Networks contributed to targeted integrated service delivery in Kirklees neighbourhoods and assessed the capacity of out of hospital care. Areas that were discussed included: the role of community pharmacy in helping to alleviate pressures across the wider primary care system; the work being done to utilise the different skill mixes in the workforce and developing further the use of digital technology; The work that was taking place to align the agencies working in the neighbourhood model to general practice; and plans for the introduction of community diagnostic centres.

Work programme 2022/23

It was reported that the Panel had received a holding response to the letters that it had sent to the Chief Executives of Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust (CHFT) and Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust (MYTH) regarding the provision of maternity services in Kirklees.

The Panel was informed that members had been invited to visit the maternity service in Calderdale Royal Hospital. It was confirmed that the Panel would accept the invitation although focus would still be given to the wider issues covering the lack of provision in Kirklees

Issues for future discussion were finalised and included:

- confirmation that palliative and end of life care and inequalities in access to health care services would be covered at the January 2023 meeting and:
- access to dentistry and a detailed look at the provision of adult social care with a focus on community provision and domiciliary care would be scheduled for the March 2023 meeting.

Outcomes:

New Plan for Adult Social Care Reform

It was agreed that an offer to have a more detailed discussion on the broader range of changes that the Council was developing to improve the social care offer would be considered.

Joined up Care in Kirklees Neighbourhoods

The discussions included a number of panel concerns that were addressed and included: an agreement that more work was needed to align the role of elected members in the work of Primary Care Networks (PCNs) and the neighbourhood model including developing the right forums to build that working relationship; an agreement that the development of the working relationships with the PCNs should be undertaken outside of the PCN formal business meetings; and an acknowledgment of the importance of communicating with the public and raising awareness of the local neighbourhood services.

The Panel acknowledged that the information and discussions had provided good evidence of the progress that was being made in integrated working despite the pressures in the local health and adult social care system.

Monitoring Work

(If monitoring previous recommendations please identify what difference Scrutiny has made)

N/A

Looking Ahead

Arrangements to visit to the maternity service at Calderdale Royal Hospital will be scheduled to take place during February 2023.

The following areas will be considered by the Panel at the meetings scheduled to take place in January and March 2023:

- Considering the work being done to support people in Kirklees with palliative and end of life care.

- Inequalities in access to health care services
- Dentistry in Kirklees
- A detailed look at adult social care community provision/domiciliary care.
- An assessment of the out of hospital capacity and the ability of out of hospital services in Kirklees to support the CHFT Business Case demand in growth assumptions

The Panel will continue to monitor the position of maternity services in Kirklees with a view to arranging a review of any new proposed maternity services model and to consider if the proposed model constitutes a substantial change or variation to service.

General comments

These are extremely challenging times for Health and Social Care nationally and we see clear evidence of the strain on the systems locally.

The key concern remains the inability to recruit and retain the workforce required to support the quality of care expected of local providers i.e. waiting times in planned/unplanned care and staff morale.

Healthwatch have consistently assured us that staff are appreciated for what they do by patients/service users, but the system is in crisis.

It's worrying that we haven't had a straight answer as to when the Birthing Centres at Huddersfield and Dewsbury will be re-opened, and we need to be aware that the Huddersfield Unit has been closed 'temporarily' since March 2020.

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23

MEMBERS: Councillors; Elizabeth Smaje (Chair), Yusra Hussain, Andrew Marchington, Jackie Ramsay and John Taylor

SUPPORT: Sheila Dykes, Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer

FULL PANEL DISCUSSION		
THEME / ISSUE	APPROACH / AREAS OF FOCUS	OUTCOMES / ACTIONS
1. Leader's Priorities 2021/22	The Leader will attend to set out his portfolio priorities for 2022/23	<u>26th July 2022</u> The Leader attended to present his priorities for 22/23 and answer questions. <u>6th February 2023</u>
2. Inclusion and Diversity	Monitor work in relation to inclusion; including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion and Diversity Strategy (Current Strategy 2022-23. <i>Cabinet endorsed 14/12/21, Council approved 16/3/22</i>) Inclusion and Diversity Annual Report 	<u>15th June 2021</u> <u>Informal -25th November 2021</u> <u>15th March 2022</u> – update provided <u>Informal – 1st November 2022</u> – I&D Draft Annual Report
3. Inclusive Communities Framework	Scrutiny of the implementation of the Inclusive Communities Framework. <i>(Framework approved by Cabinet 5th July, Council 13th July 2022)</i>	<u>15th June 2021</u> Further reports to be submitted as the work progresses. <u>Informal – 3rd February 2022</u> Initial discussion on objectives and purpose. <u>28th June 2022</u> Pre-decision scrutiny. Committee requested that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The implementation plan be brought to the Committee for consideration at an early stage. The points raised by the Committee, be taken into account in the progression, and implementation, of the framework and that Council be made aware of the Committee's views, as set out below, when the plan is submitted for endorsement:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of the role of Councillors as representatives of their communities. • The need for realistic expectations, such as in respect of community input to decision-making. • The use of accessible and clear language. • The provision of a balance of stories. • Reference to all of the engagement undertaken. • The need for a focus on action as a key element. <p><u>1st November 2022</u> Overview of the Council’s plans for implementation and a response to the issues raised by the Committee. Committee recommended that the following issues be taken on board in taking the work on the Inclusive Communities Framework forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The integral role of ward councillors due to their position at the heart of the organisation and their unique position within local communities. • The importance of the Place Standard approach and listening to the voices and experiences of communities. • Consideration be given to broadening representation on the Communities Board. • The importance of monitoring of action plans to allow any issues with progress to be addressed, to learn from good practice and to assess impact and outcomes.
<p>4. Our Council Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-decision scrutiny in respect of the development of the latest version of the Council Plan • Progress reporting to include reporting against the 2019 Peer Challenge*. 	<p><u>3rd August 2021</u> - further information in respect of how the citizen’s outcome will be measured be provided, once the work has been further developed.</p> <p><u>28th September 2021</u> – update provided</p> <p><u>Informal – 4th October 2022</u> – Approach to the development of the latest Council Plan</p>

<p>5. Kirklees Communities Partnership Plan (Crime and Disorder) and Domestic Abuse Strategy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual scrutiny of the Kirklees Communities Partnership Plan in accordance with statutory requirement under Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006. (Community Safety Partnerships have a duty to develop a strategic plan to address multi-agency issues affecting quality of life for residents including crime and anti-social behaviour.) <p>(2022 – 2027 Plan endorsed by Cabinet 21.9.33 and adopted by Council 12.10.22).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kirklees Domestic Abuse Strategy – annual review. <p>(Current strategy 2022 to 2027 – adopted by Cabinet 17/1/23).</p>	<p>Results of the ‘Your Views’ survey to be circulated to Elected Members</p> <p><u>15th March 2022</u> Pre-decision scrutiny of the Domestic Abuse Strategy 2022-27. It was recommended that timescales be established for the community engagement activity around raising awareness of what is classed as abuse and its impact, and building confidence in reporting, and that officers be asked to ensure that this work is included in the delivery plan(s).</p> <p><u>28th June 2022</u> Update re DA Strat + Pre-decision scrutiny of Partnership Plan for 2022-2027. Recommended that the points raised by the Committee be taken into account in the progression, and implementation, of the Communities Partnership Plan and that Council be made aware of the Committee’s views, as set out below, when the plan is submitted for endorsement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillors, as representatives of their communities, should be involved in the development of the Communities Partnership Plan. There should be a greater focus on speeding and road safety, to reflect the concern of residents. The importance of listening to both sides when addressing neighbour disputes. Outcomes and examples of good practice should be publicised. <p><u>4th October 2022</u> Update - the Communities Partnership Plan 2022-2027 had been endorsed by Cabinet on 21st September.</p> <p><u>1st November 2022</u> Update – the CPP 2022-2027 had been adopted by Council, on 12 October 2022.</p>
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6. Corporate Safeguarding Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of Policy (<i>adopted by Cabinet 8th March 2022, Council 13th July 2022</i>) • Report following the rollout of the refreshed policy, to include an update on how it has worked in practice, the outputs, and feedback in respect of the training. • Policy due for full formal review in 2025, with annual informal review annually. 	<u>3rd February 2022</u> Pre-decision scrutiny of Policy <u>15th March 2022</u> - update provided
7. Local Flood Risk Management	Annual Review of the Council's Flood Risk Management Plan including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress against the Action Plan. • Revision of local strategy to ensure consistency with National Strategy (August 2020) 	<u>15th March 2022</u> Officers were thanked for the annual progress report and requested to give consideration to the following recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward Councillors to be contacted if problems are experienced with access when undertaking gully clearing, with parked cars for example, to see if they could provide assistance. • The checking of high-risk gullies on a more regular basis. • An assessment of the area in the vicinity of a development site post-completion, to ascertain if there have been changes to the drainage that would impact on flood risk. <u>7th March 2023</u>
8. Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel – Residential Housing Stock, Health and Safety Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of Ad Hoc Panel to consider the Council's policies, procedures and arrangements for managing the health and safety of its tenants and its residential property portfolio, with a particular focus on high rise and multiple occupancy blocks. • Consideration of the Panel's Final Report including its recommendations upon completion of its work. • Monitoring of recommendations Final Report submitted to Cabinet 21/12/22	<u>18th March 2021 (Minute 127)</u> ToR and membership agreed <u>15th June 2021</u> Re-established for 2021/22 <u>25th May 2022</u> Re-established for 2022/23 <u>Informal – 4th October 2022</u> – draft Final Report for comment

9. Overview of Scrutiny Work Programmes	Maintain an overview of the Work Programmes of the four Panels: Children's / Corporate / Economy and Neighbourhoods & Health and Adult Social Care	<u>26th July 2022</u> The Panels' initial work programmes for 2022-23 were endorsed.
10. Armed Forces Covenant	Monitor the Council's work in relation to the Armed Forces Covenant including the potential impact of new legislation (anticipated to come into force in 2022)	<u>21st December 2021</u> Requested that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further information be provided for the Committee in respect of the development of the concept of Armed Forces Champions within services. • The Cabinet Member be requested to consider resourcing, particularly in light of the upcoming changes to legislation, to support and build on the work already undertaken in respect of the Armed Forces Covenant. <u>7th March 2023</u>
11. Voluntary and Community Sector – Investment Strategy/Shared Values and Ways of Working	Input to the development of a shared values approach with the Voluntary and Community Sector	<u>9th November 2021</u> Officers were asked to take account of the points raised by the Committee, in the development of the Kirklees Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Investment Strategy, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach across communities. • Better understanding of communities and covering all demographics. • Communication and engagement with Ward Councillors. • Understanding about funding and how people can find out what available • Sustainability of the Strategy and actions. <u>1st November 2022</u> Update - the Kirklees Community and Social Enterprise Investment Strategy and the 'We are Working Alongside' Shared Values had been approved by Cabinet on 20 th October 2022

<p>12. Social Isolation/Loneliness</p>	<p>Scrutiny work in relation to social isolation and loneliness, with specific reference to the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic</p>	<p><u>Informal OSMC – 19th April 2022</u> – scope approved</p> <p><u>26th July 2022</u> Approve scope and agree approach.</p> <p><u>4th October 2022</u> Report on the role of the multi-agency Kirklees Loneliness Steering Group Officers were their presentation and asked to consider the following points in taking this work forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need for the steering group to establish an achievable and purposeful work programme aligned with the identified priorities, and for responsibilities and accountability to be discussed with partners alongside consideration of the resources that are necessary to re-shape the approach to tackling loneliness. • The potential for making identifying and addressing loneliness a priority within organisations’ training and development programmes • Links to the community anchor organisations and within the Primary Care Networks. • How support might be provided to people at a point of crisis. • The definition of loneliness in the context of this work. • Links with the Health and Wellbeing Board; highlighting the strategy so that it is visible at the top tiers of partner organisations. <p><u>20th December 2022</u> Points raised by the Committee to be taken into account in the further development of local responses to identifying, signposting, and referring people who are lonely or isolated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In reviewing the guidance document, wider discussion be undertaken with individuals about their experiences and the challenges faced. • How information on provision/support is made available.
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<p>13. Grant Funding Distribution to Anchor Organisations</p>	<p>Update on contract, to include the expectation in terms of outcomes, the current position, monitoring, identifying any gaps and sharing positive results.</p>	<p><u>4th October 2022</u> Update on progress. Committee recommended that the following points be taken into account in the further development of the Community Anchor Network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need to support capacity in local communities. • Communication with all community groups and raising awareness of the network. • Further development of the locality plans to link in with other plans and priorities. • Building capacity and developing the network in places where additional support may be needed. • Taking learning from areas where the community groups are operating effectively. <p>and requested that the Head of Service share the locality plans with Members of the Committee in twelve months’ time.</p>
<p>14. Regional Working</p>	<p>Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mechanics of how Kirklees is working with the WYMCA and the relationship between the two. • The funding streams • How funding bids are considered • The project plan 	<p><u>20th December 2022</u> Background report. Officers asked to give consideration to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need to facilitate a wider awareness of the work of the Combined Authority for Kirklees Councillors. • The provision of greater support for those Councillors representing Kirklees on the Combined Authority.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The need for a strategic approach to bus services across the district. The use of the Place Standard to build a strong evidence base for local priorities. Feedback to the wider Council from Kirklees Combined Authority representatives.
LEAD MEMBER BRIEFING ISSUES		
THEME/ISSUE	APPROACH / AREAS OF FOCUS	LEAD OFFICER/NOTES
1. Democracy Commission	Update on work related to the Democracy Commission	Briefing: 7 th June 2021
2. Future Arrangements for the Council's Housing Stock	Monitor implementation of recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel in its Final Report (Cabinet 21 May 2020) <i>(Note: The separate Ad Hoc Panel in respect of health and safety compliance is to monitor progress in relation to the recommendation that an Assurance Board be established focussing on housing compliance.)</i>	Briefings: 10 th December 2020, 5 th February 2021
3. Risk		Briefings held approximately every 6 to 8 weeks with the Council's Head of Risk + follow-up briefings as requested
4. Performance Reporting	Performance reports circulated to Members of OSMC for consideration	Briefing: 13 th September 2021
5. Place Based Working		OSMC 15 th April 2021. Briefings: 25 th October 2022, 11 th January 2023
6. Planning Service		Briefings: 11 th August and 23 rd November 2021, 16 th September 2022
7. WYMCA - Scrutiny Function - Working with the CA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings with Kirklees Members of WYMCA Scrutiny Committees Funding and Kirklees' approach Links with the West Yorkshire Mayor and Combined Authority and relationship with Kirklees 	14 th October 2021, 12 th April and 6 th December 2022 Briefings: 16 th February, 16 th March, 25 th March, 21 st June, 10 th August, 28 th September, 28 th October and 5 th December 2022
8. Regeneration		Briefings: 8 th November 2021, 10 th January 2022
9. Budget Engagement		Briefing: 6 th October 2022
10. Innovative Working in Kirklees		LM briefing tba
11. Challenges to Delivery		LM briefing tba