

<b>KIRKLEES HEALTH &amp; WELLBEING BOARD</b>
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>
<b>TITLE OF PAPER: Tackling Violence in Kirklees</b>
<p><b>1. Purpose of paper</b></p> <p>This paper reports to the Health and Wellbeing Board following a discussion at the informal board. The aims of the session were to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop a shared understanding of violence reduction, especially as a public health issue</li><li>• Learn lessons from successful partnership-based approaches in other areas</li><li>• Understand the emerging plans for violence reduction in West Yorkshire and Kirklees, and how we can make a difference in Kirklees</li><li>• Clarify the role of the Board and its members</li></ul>
<p><b>2. Background</b></p> <p>The World Health Organisation's definition of violence as a Public Health issue is that it is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Focused on a defined population;</li><li>• With and for communities;</li><li>• Not constrained by organisational or professional boundaries;</li><li>• Focussed on generating long term as well as short term solutions;</li><li>• Based on data and intelligence to identify the burden on the population, including any inequalities;</li><li>• Rooted in evidence of effectiveness to tackle the problem.</li></ul> <p>It advises that the local area must take the advice of Public Health England (and their equivalent in Wales) when determining how they will apply the public health approach in delivering violence reduction interventions.</p>
<p><b>3. Discussion</b></p> <p>The discussion identified the following possible roles for the Health and Wellbeing Board - these are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Building a shared intelligence base, including through the JSA</li><li>• Promoting prevention and early intervention focussed approaches, including the importance of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) informed approaches and maximising opportunities to spot potential issues early</li><li>• Encouraging partners to build tackling violence into existing and emerging programmes e.g. Thriving Kirklees</li><li>• Improving co-ordination across programmes</li></ul>

### ***Kirklees Violence Reduction Partnership***

The board heard that locally, Kirklees tackles violence through its violence reduction partnership. Meeting quarterly, the aim of the Partnership is to reduce all forms of violence (whether it is committed with a knife, gun, bottle or fist or by a young person or adult).

In Kirklees, we are adopting 'a public health approach' by which we believe that poor outcomes are not inevitable and can be improved through a concerted, partnership effort. This approach has four key steps

- To define the problem through the systematic collection of information about the magnitude, scope, characteristics of the issue we are seeking to address
- To establish why the issue occurs using research to determine the causes and consequences of the issue, the factors that increase or decrease the risk of the issue, and the factors that could be modified through interventions.
- To find out what works to prevent the issue by designing, implementing and evaluating interventions, and
- To implement effective and promising interventions in a wide range of settings. The effects of these interventions on risk factors and the target outcome will be monitored, and their impact and cost-effectiveness will be evaluated.

Governance arrangements will be through the Communities Partnership Board and into the West Yorkshire arrangements.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

N/A

#### **5. Sign off**

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#### **6. Next Steps**

The informal discussion suggested the following next steps:

- Schedule a discussion at a future Integrated Provider Board
- Individual Board Members to follow up directly with the police on possible opportunities for collaboration
- JSA Steering Group to identify opportunities for strengthening JSA in relation to Tackling Violence and Adverse Childhood experiences (ACE)

#### **7. Recommendations**

That the board notes this update and asks for a report on progress in 6 months time.

#### **8. Contact Officer**

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