

**SaferMK Business  
Management Group (BMG)  
Report  
Oct – Dec 2016  
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## BMG summary report October – December 2016

### Executive Summary:

The SaferMK BMG continues to not have a designated Chair or Vice Chair due to a number of changes within partner organisations. Colin Wilderspin has been interim Chair during this period.

Under the BMG terms of reference a new Chair and Vice Chair is to be elected at the next meeting.

At its last meeting on Thursday 3 November 2016 all action plans received were discussed. There continues to remain a number of Action Plans outstanding and/or requiring updating. A separate briefing will be supplied to the SaferMK Partnership outlining concerns around action plans.

Performance data: It was agreed that we need to make agencies aware that it is a statutory obligation to produce the strategic assessment and for agencies to provide data for this in a timely manner, a paper within the January meeting will propose a new approach to the Strategic Assessment.

The SaferMK Support Team has drawn together a draft performance matrix. Once data is ready and prepared for Q3 (Oct-Dec 2016) this will be sent out to the partnership for comment and review. This matrix will then become a regular item within the BMG report at future meetings.

### Strategy Workstreams:

**Reducing the number of domestic abuse and violent incidences** – Lead organisation Thames Valley Police (TVP)

### Action Plan –**received**

Delegation: *Delegation is a police led multi-agency response to identifying repeat victims/perpetrators of standard and medium risk domestic incidents.*

- A&E Data, we have now received 12 months of data, which is currently undergoing analysis and will be presented at the next BMG.
- Domestic Abuse data is now being received although the current year 2016/17 will provide a benchmark due to changes in receiving the data from Thames Valley Police.
- Delegation is now accepting referrals from partner agencies and there are plans to seek funding for a further audit of the groups work to be conducted. Discussions have been instigated with the Open University to conduct this.
- Delegation will begin to work closer with MARAC and processes are in place around referring some cases into the MARAC.
- The Delegation Framework is now being adopted as best practice across other TVP areas.

### Domestic Abuse Champions Network:

*The Champion is seen as the lead for domestic abuse issues within their agency or unit and acts as the contact in and out of that unit/agency. They will be able to advise their colleagues on management of individual cases and ensure that they are aware of and have access to local resources and support. Champions will understand how other Champions can assist in supporting, helping and advising a victim of domestic abuse and their dependants.*

- Training commenced in December, and to date we have 37 DA Champions in MK, from various organisations including the voluntary sector, Mk Council, Thames Valley Police, Buckinghamshire and MK Fire Authority, schools and the Job Centre.
- There are still places available for the training on the following link for the 22/23 February 2017. <http://www.reducingtherisk.org.uk/cms/content/champions>. More training dates will be explored for 2017. We are also planning on a train the trainer to allow the training to be more sustainable and affordable moving forward. Target will be to get DA Champions across all sectors.
- Reducing the Risk MK webpage  
<http://www.reducingtherisk.org.uk/cms/content/information-and-advice-milton-keynes>

2 DCLG bids will be submitted in January to receive funds:

- Support victims of Domestic Abuse, and empower survivors by contributing to crime prevention and installation of crime prevention methods. The fund will support the development of a social enterprise and working alongside current arrangements. The aim will be to reduce the number of people needing to leave their home following domestic abuse. Local data suggests that 43% of individuals including families do not need to leave their property.
- Bid to establish a rape crisis centre in MK. Milton Keynes has not had a rape crisis centre for over 12 months, this will look to work alongside the Buckinghamshire Rape Crisis organisation and deliver an MK based service.

Domestic Abuse Strategic Group:

- A Strategic Group will be established and coordinated by the joint funded Community Safety and Safeguarding Officer who started in September. The meeting has been scheduled for March 2017. This group will have a number of key themes to focus on:
  - Early intervention and prevention
  - Supporting Children and Young People living with Domestic Abuse
  - Partnership coordination
- Domestic Abuse training for practitioners working with Learning Difficulties scheduled for 10 March at Galley Hill. Please contact [lisa.lovell@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.lovell@milton-keynes.gov.uk) if interested.

Purple Flag:

Purple Flag application has been delayed whilst the BID (Business Improvement District) is submitted and also to allow for wider data to be included such as the A&E data set.

**Tackling and enforcing substance misuse** – Lead organisation Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group (MKCCG) supported by Public Health

Action Plan - **received**

The current Strategy is due for renewal next year and work has commenced to begin to look at what this will look like. SaferMK currently oversee the enforcement strand of the Strategy.

Public Health has established Drug & Alcohol Partnership Board.

The Milton Keynes Drug and Alcohol Strategy 2014-2017 was developed by a wide range of stakeholders, adopting a partnership approach to tackling drug and alcohol misuse in Milton Keynes. The strategy highlights the main priorities for MK and the actions needed to address them. These range from universal prevention activities through to targeted early interventions and specialist treatment.

Its implementation has been overseen by a strategy implementation group, chaired by the drug and alcohol commissioner and consisting predominantly of operational level representatives. This has meant that some of the more strategic level priorities have not progressed as far as we would have liked.

The strategy set out 42 priorities under 3 themes; Reducing Demand, Restricting Supply and Building Recovery. This update sets out what has been achieved to date, including some of our successes and some areas of work that require further development. It also sets out some suggested priorities to focus on for the next 12 months.

The newly formed Drug & Alcohol Partnership can play a pivotal role in providing the impetus to push the outstanding priorities forward, putting us in the best position possible for the strategy to be refreshed in 2017.

A progress report on an update to the current Strategy and delivery has been developed.

**ACTION: To propose a presentation around progress report at the next SaferMK Partnership meeting and development of the revised Strategy.**

Local alcohol action areas: Applications for local alcohol action areas programme, phase 2

The first phase of local alcohol action areas, which concluded in March 2015, demonstrated the benefits of concerted action by all local organisations, including local businesses.

The BMG meeting in November opted to not apply for phase 2, the application would have required to use current resources, no funding was offered to implement and deliver the programme and the decision was made taking into account current partner resources not to apply.

**Enhance community engagement to reduce fear of crime – Lead organisation Community Action MK**

Action Plan – **in progress**

**Revised Website:**

[www.safermk.com](http://www.safermk.com) has had a redesign with the old format out of date and uninformative, a new design has been put together in partnership with partner communications teams and lead by the SaferMK support team and is now launched. The new webpage will allow for selected external partners to update sections, but has been designed to allow for easy publishing, coordination and easy to maintain.

## **Loan Shark awareness:**

To continue our work on loan sharking we continue to work with the Illegal Money lending Team from Birmingham Council who have the national lead.

A Bite Back Action Week has been proposed for 17th July to 21st July - which will include the following actions:

- Training – 1.5 hour session mix of staff 12 to 25 staff, 2 sessions 11am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 3pm on 19th July
- Police – Input to local Policing Teams – 17th July
- Anti-Slavery forum – presentation to the forum to highlight IMLT work
- Leaflets – targeted leaflet drop in the following areas Greenleys, Bletchley and Fenny Stratford & MK3/MK7
- Literature to be delivered to the local pubs in Greenleys, Bletchley and Fenny Stratford & MK3/MK7.
- Press Release – To highlight joint working
- Newsletter article – include a newsletter article for Parish/Town Council Magazines
- Social media campaign: to use the hashtag #StandUpToLoanSharks in any tweets to enable Holly to track the results. Also follow @LoanSharkNews on Twitter and like the Facebook page 'Stop Loan Sharks Project'.

The 'Your Choice' scheme provided residents a say in how money taken from loan sharks could be spent to improve their community. The specialist Team who investigate and prosecute loan sharks, put forward £2,500 worth of proceeds of crime money and further £1,000 from Safer MK, to fund as many projects as possible. There were a number of proposals from resident groups, Parish and Town Councils with some really encouraging projects. The Deputy Mayor provided the presentations to the winners.

## **Anti-Social Behaviour – Lead organisation Milton Keynes Council**

### **Action Plan – draft Action Plan developed**

During the period October - December, SaferMK support team received three Community Triggers, two met the criteria, 1 has now been concluded with a relevant action plan; the second is currently being reviewed, and one trigger did not meet the criteria and advice was provided. YTD 7 Community Triggers have been received via the [Communitytrigger@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:Communitytrigger@milton-keynes.gov.uk)

A Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) consultation will commence by March 2017

There is a need to establish tasking group to look at 'drinking control zones' which will need to be replaced by PSPOs by September 2017.

**Recommendation: That a tasking group is established to oversee the drinking control zone areas replacement to PSPOs and to include engagement with stakeholders of the area and consultation with the public.**



**Reducing Reoffending:** Lead agencies National Probation Service and Community Rehabilitation Company (MTC Novo)

Action Plan – **no update**

There has been no updated Action Plan presented to the BMG since March 2016. At the last SaferMK Partnership meeting it was agreed to set up a small working group to explore data concerns. A date has been proposed by the SaferMK support team for October.

It is a statutory duty for the Partnership to have a reducing reoffending plan for its local area. Following from the action at the last Partnership meeting an update from the CRC will be provided at the meeting on the 26 January 2017.

**Recommendation: That SaferMK Partnership make a decision to receive a report and presentation at the next meeting or to hold an additional meeting to focus on Reducing Reoffending in Milton Keynes.**

### **Hate Crime**

Action Plan – **draft Action Plan developed**

The BMG will receive a presentation at their next meeting

### **Prevent:**

Action Plan – **Action Plan received, draft developed to be discussed at Jan 2017 meeting.**

The Prevent Review Panel meeting has been running for over 9 months, a verbal update will be provided at the SaferMK meeting.

A survey has been developed to send round to all stakeholders and will form part of a review for current position of Prevent in MK. This will be used to understand gaps in current provision for professionals and organisations.

An easy guide handbook is being developed for professionals in Milton Keynes, similar to the Handbook created for Parents and Carers. This has been developed in draft form and will go to the January Prevent Board

Wrap+ has been developed which provides additional training and refreshing of the Home Office WRAP training, and has begun commencing in schools.

As an area we worked with the MK Council People Inclusion Team on a Home Office Bid for funds through the InnovateUK fund. The grant will be to support the delivery of an awareness package for teachers and pupils in Secondary schools called 'stepping stones' Bid will be due in October 2016. This bid was unsuccessful, exploring new ways of delivering including working with Safety Centre.

Briefing on Op Dovetail – pilot scheme run by the Home Office looking to transition Prevent Lead to Local Authority and mainstream the process in line with other safeguarding processes.

## **Schools Drama Competition:**

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016, Lost Youth, a schools drama competition exploded onto Stantonbury Theatre's stage, with three dynamic and thought provoking performances from secondary schools in Milton Keynes.

Lost Youth is a new drama competition open to all secondary schools in Milton Keynes. The idea of the project is for year 9 and 10 students to develop a 10 minute play surrounding emotive subjects such as Hate Crime, Drugs and Alcohol abuse, Gangs and Anti-social behaviour. The students were required to perform the play in front of their peers within the school environment before they performed the pieces in front of an invited audience and a panel of judges at Stantonbury Theatre.

Throughout the process the schools have had the benefit of working with professional drama practitioners from Alterego Creative Solutions. Alterego are one of the UK's leading applied Theatre companies who specialise in using drama within education to highlight complex social issues. The students were given guidance on stage combat, scene construction and script writing.

Three schools performed on the evening covering Gangs, Drug use and Hate Crime. Stantonbury School opened the evening with a dramatic piece of physical theatre entitled "When you hear the sirens", telling a tragic story of escalating violence between rival gang leaders. Radcliffe School went second with an innovative piece entitled "The Dark October Night." Radcliffe used a mixture of humour, dramatic lighting and music to describe a nightmare journey of a near fatal drugs overdose. Ousedale School, were the last to perform. Their piece called "The Hate Game" was a thought provoking and powerful performance detailing the impact of bullying and racial intolerance.

Each performance was judged by an invited panel of judges from Thames Valley Police, SaferMK and Alterego. Following a nail biting break of over 20 minutes the final scoring was verified and the winner was announced. The first Lost Youth Drama Competition winner was Radcliffe School. "The Dark October Night", brought together many aspects of theatre performance, direction and humour, together with a packed content of facts and advice.

The awards of the evening were kindly presented by the Deputy Mayor Cllr. Hopkins. The project was organized by Thames Valley Police, with support from SaferMK. Project organizer PC Dave Goodwin stated, "The standard of performance from the schools is absolutely incredible. All students should be very proud of their performances and well done to Radcliffe who took the top place. I am hoping to make this a yearly event and to encourage more schools to engage with the project. For the students to develop their own play with a strong relevant message and deliver that message to their peers is a fantastic way to raise awareness and steer young people away from potentially life endangering decisions."  
End.

## **Modern Day Crime Prevention:**

A task and finish group will be established in early 2017 to explore how this can be delivered across all statutory partners. Discussions have taken place with other Statutory Partnerships, as cybercrime is a cost cutting theme.

## **Review of Partnership:**

**Recommendation: That SaferMK agree to hold a development meeting in March 2017**

## **PCC CSF:**

Included within the January Partnership agenda.

## **Review of SNDG:**

Due to capacity issues this work has not yet been completed but an update and final findings will be presented at the next Partnership meeting. Paper to be provided at the January meeting.

## **ACTION: To provide support/appropriate representation to the SNDG.**

A DCLG bid will be submitted in January to look at rolling out a Safer Neighbourhood Programme. The bid includes contribution towards programme management and the establishment of an Apprenticeship Programme.

## **Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs)**

The BMG are currently considering two terms of references for two DHRs.

A new page is being developed on the [www.safermk.com](http://www.safermk.com) webpage specifically for publicising all DHR reports as specified by the statutory duty.

## **CCTV:**

Thames Valley have produced their final paper on the independent review. MK Council has received a letter from Francis Hapgood the letter was responded to in November 2016.

We continue to be supportive supportive of a joined up Partnership agreement with other Local Authorities. A meeting is scheduled for February 2017.

Locally we have received our report from Tellemachus regarding costs toward s an integrated Buckinghamshire hub in Milton Keynes. This has been shared with relevant authority organisations.





# SaferMK BMG Meeting Notes October – December 2016



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