



Milton Keynes Community Safety Partnership

Responsible Authorities Group (RAG)

21 March 2013

Decision Paper

Subject: SaferMK Partnership Information Sharing Agreement

Reason for report

It is the responsibility of RAG to ensure the Partnership's Information Sharing Protocol is fit for purpose, in order that data and other information can be shared and discussed at partnership meetings.

Legislation and guidance has created new requirements and duties in respect of information sharing. This includes delivery of the Troubled Families Initiative (Strengthening Families) and co-operation with Police and Crime Commissioners.

Items for consideration

1. Partners are invited to review the attached report.
2. Partners are asked to agree the revised document and sign the protocol on behalf of their organisation.

Background

- The purpose of this protocol is to facilitate the lawful exchange of information in order to support the work of SaferMK, the Milton Keynes Community Safety Partnership.
- Agencies working in partnership to tackle crime and disorder have a power under section 115 of the *Crime and Disorder Act 1998* to disclose information to one another for the purposes of preventing and detecting crime and for obtaining certain Orders. Under Section 17(A) of the Act they have an additional duty to disclose information to one another if it is relevant to their community safety functions.

- The information protocol covers the following areas:
 - The purpose and legal framework of information sharing
 - The classification of data and information to be shared
 - The process for sharing information
 - Arrangements for commencement and review of the protocol
 - A summary of duties and responsibilities

Attachments

SaferMK Information Sharing Protocol (Annex)

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