



**SaferMK Business
Management Group (BMG)
update
July - Sept 2016
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BMG Summary Report July – September 2016

The SaferMK BMG currently has no Chair or Vice Chair following the departure of both Chief Inspector Jim O’Ryan and the Service Director Jane Reed from Milton Keynes. Members of the BMG would like to thank them for their contribution to SaferMK in the last few years.

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

The SaferMK meeting scheduled for September 2016 was postponed and a virtual meeting will take place. The main reason for this was the delay in receiving a number of actions plans.

At its next meeting on Thursday 3 November 2016 all action plans will be discussed for quality assurance purposes. A separate briefing will be supplied to the SaferMK Partnership following this meeting with its outcomes.

Also to be discussed will be the CSP funding review using the templates agreed earlier in the year. Most of these have been received by the SaferMK Support Team.

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. Through the Action Plans the BMG will be developing a new reporting framework for the SaferMK Partnership and will commence at the next meeting.

Recommendation: For the BMG to develop a new performance reporting framework to present at the the next Partnership meeting.

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.*

- 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.
- Delegation mentioned as good practice in HMIC report.
- Delegation nominated for a national award (Risk Alarm Awards in Manchester). Shortlisted to 4 – runner up.
- PCC Bid in to fund a full time Delegation and MK Act Fresh Start case worker. Date of bid 22/09/16. Outcome awaiting

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.*

- Behind Closed Doors” performance by Alter Ego and training delivered by Michelle Plaistead-Kerr from Reducing the Risk, who will be supporting the roll out of the Programme was held in July and an introduction DA Champions Network was presented. This training was delivered to over 100 professionals from a variety of sectors and organisations. Further information can be seen <http://www.reducingtherisk.org.uk/cms/content/champions>
- Training was due to start in September but this has been delayed until November following the start of the new shared post.

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. 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

Purple Flag:

Purple Flag tasking group has received the draft application to consider for final submission on the 14th October, SaferMK Partnership to receive an update at the October Partnership meeting.

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.

Recent work around high prevalence of abandoned needlesticks from injecting drug users in Milton Keynes, UK: Analysis of needle exchange centres and drug dependency services, has been completed, and is likely to be published as good practice in the Journal of Public Health.

Key findings:

- Milton Keynes (Council waste management team recognised the rise in the numbers of abandoned used needles being found across MK. MK is an area of high Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) prevalence and high Hepatitis C (HCV) in injecting drug users (IDU), the overriding concern was for the safety of the public.
- Methods Analysis of data collection to understand the scale and spread of the problem, preventing/reducing the incidence of abandoned needles and looking at access to the

designated Drug Dependency Unit (DDU) and the Blood Borne Virus (BBV) service. Through data mapping, hotspot areas of used needles abandonment were analysed.

- Results Peak needlestick finds were in March and June 2015 mainly in areas of social deprivation and marginalisation where designated needle exchange points were identified. 174 reports of abandoned needles were reported between January 2015 and November 2015 with a total of 2379 individual needles. 87% of the total numbers of needles were found in just 8 estates.
- Tackling the issue of abandoned needles effectively should be done through a targeted, multi-agency approach. Reductions in needlestick abandonment can be strengthened through improving access to needle exchange points, DDU and BBV services, delivering high quality harm reduction interventions and using data mapping in order to identify and target hot spot areas.
- Work continues with partners to target harden and work with both exchange centres and Compass to reduce this issue.

An action plan developed by the group includes:

- Improving data recording and mapping by ensuring all relevant agencies know how to report needle finds and that reports included exact locations
- A full review of the needle exchange programme with a focus on improved training for pharmacy staff, the introduction of incentivised payments for pharmacies and incentives for service users to return needles
- A renewed focus on harm reduction within the treatment service
- A targeted letter drop to houses in one particular area where high numbers of needles were being discarded, asking residents to be alert and signpost local users to pharmacy needle exchanges
- A review to be conducted to look at impact of measures and needle reports.

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 second phase of the programme will build on the successes of the first. Areas will once again develop local solutions to locally identified problems. They will be able to access support from central government and, where appropriate, the alcohol industry. There are up to 40 places available on the programme, which will run for two years.
- To participate in the programme, areas must address one or more of a series of core issues relating to: the prevention of crime in the night time economy: improving the use of safe spaces to protect vulnerable people; sharing information between local partners; more effective use of the night time economy workforce; preventing the sale of alcohol to drunk; and designing out crime.
- These are long-standing issues where concerted action has the potential to improve greatly the ability of local areas to prevent alcohol-related crime and make the night time economy safe. Each area will decide their own priorities and develop local plans to tackle one or more of these challenges. Further details, including the support available to areas and our selection criteria can be found in the programme's prospectus, which accompanies this letter.

- A virtual task and finish group has been established to explore the feasibility of applying for this programme, there is no direct financial benefit to the programme, so all work will be required in current resources. Applications are required by Friday 18 November 2016.

Recommendation: For the SaferMK Partnership to support the task and finish group and receive outcome of its findings following BMG on the 3 November.

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

Action Plan – **in progress**

SaferMK Survey:

The SaferMK survey commenced on 09 May 2016 and formally closed on 8 August 2016. A report will be presented at the SaferMK meeting in October.

Revised Website:

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.

This week we launched in partnership with The National Team, YourMK and Children Centres on the 'Your Choice' campaign.

The 'Your Choice' scheme will give residents a say in how money taken from loan sharks is spent to improve their community. The specialist Team who investigate and prosecute loan sharks, have put forward £2,500 worth of proceeds of crime money and further £1,000 from Safer MK, to fund as many projects as possible. A maximum of £700 per project idea. You can submit more than one project but the total per group must not exceed £1,400.

Local residents, charities, community and voluntary groups, schools and statutory agencies working in an area are all welcome to apply for the cash, to spend on any worthwhile community project which does one of the following:

- Contributes to raising the awareness of the dangers of using 'loan sharks'
- Promotes professional credit options to people at risk of using 'loan sharks'
- Promotes financial management or budgeting to people at risk of using 'loan sharks'
- Reduces crime and disorder in the local area

Those who meet the above criteria will then be invited to showcase their projects at Your Choice event at Hedgerows Children Centre, Langland Road, Netherfields MK6 4NP on 14th December 11am to 2pm. The community will then vote on how they would like the money to be

spent, with the winning projects being awarded the cash during an awards ceremony on the day.

The application period is open till 12pm 18th November 2016, so please ensure you have your applications submitted by that date.

Key support activities

Anti-Social Behaviour – Lead organisation Milton Keynes Council

Action Plan – draft Action Plan developed

During the period July-September, SaferMK support team received two Community Triggers, both met the criteria, 1 has now been concluded with a relevant action plan; the second is currently being reviewed.

It is expected that a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) consultation will commence for the CMK area before Christmas with a view to commence Order in early 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.

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 SaferMK Partnership will receive a presentation at the October Partnership meeting.

Prevent:

Action Plan – **Action Plan received, due to be received and agreed at the next Prevent Board meeting in November.**

The Prevent Review Panel meeting for over 6 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.

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 are working with 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 teacher and pupils in Secondary schools called 'stepping stones' Bid will be due in October 2016.

Schools Drama Competition:

As reported previously a task and finish group has been established to coordinate a school drama competition to highlight local and young people concerns. Currently there are 5 Secondary schools involved in this process

Each school will be required to showcase the play in front of their school through assemblies or off curriculum days. The plays will then be performed at a local theatre with an audience of invited VIPs and students participating in the project.

Each play will be marked based on a marking scheme by a panel of independent judges. The participating students from the top three schools will receive £20, £15 and £10 "itunes" vouchers respectively.

The day selected for the joint performances has been set for 23 November 2016, and will be held at the Stantonbury Theatre. SaferMK Partners will be invited to form part of the judging panel.

Review of Partnership:

Recommendation: That SaferMK agree to hold a development meeting in November/December

PCC CSF:

We await the outcome of the PCC Review for future grant funding to the Partnership. A formal response was sent from Milton Keynes Council on behalf of the SaferMK Partnership to the consultation, views were requested for August 2016 from SaferMK Partners.

It has been explained to that the CSF is not a guarantee and shouldn't be taken for granted. Organisations need to be held to account for the money they have been allocated and how the distribution of funds fits in with the priority areas.

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.

Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs)

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

Regarding the outstanding DHR with the Home Office this will be taken to the Panel on the 20 July, and the summary will be fed back to SaferMK following this date.

The BMG considered the Action plan from the DHR presented at the April meeting with nothing new to report.

A new page is being developed on the 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 which requires a response by the 4 November 2016.

In principle we are supportive of a joined up Partnership agreement with other Local Authorities.

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.

Other benefits being explored is a County wide maintenance contract.



SaferMK BMG Meeting Notes July - Sept 2016



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