

Strategic Assessment 2012

Key findings and recommendations



Reducing Domestic and Sexual Violence

Key findings

- We need to develop our information and intelligence around sexual offences.
- The delivery group needs to be provided with a coordinated data set that gives more than just performance figures.
- There still isn't a direct and working link to education and local schools, which is complicated by schools that now have academy status and are no longer under the remit of the council.
- Some work has been started over the period to look at where the gaps are in our multi agency dealing with children, young people and families that are witnessing or involved in domestic violence.



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Recommendations

- Develop data sharing links with the Sexual Assault Referral clinic and also look into better links with health, looking at the link with the health and well being board when implemented.
- An coordinated data set needs to be agreed and the resource to collate and analyse this on a monthly basis for the delivery group needs to be established.
- Look at how we can develop links with different education providers to work on early interventions, prevention and general communications messages.
- Continue to work on the links to children's services to establish any gaps in services or processes that can be strengthened.



Reducing Anti-social behaviour

Key findings

- There have been continued problems at Bletchley Youth Centre and the Melrose Avenue shops for a number of years which sporadically become an issue at JATAC and TTCG, longer term plans need to be implemented here not just from community safety but also from the Youth Service to ensure there are actions that can be taken to prevent further escalations.
- The management of high/medium risk cases has improved, however we are still not systematically cross referencing our data between agencies, which is compounded by the use of an additional system being used in the council.
- The previous assessment identified that we have a number of estates that suffer from medium-high levels of ASB and crime and therefore come to our attention sporadically; however work is not carried out in a full multi agency way until the problems escalate to a critical point.
- There are a number of strategic issues arising with play spaces for young people and the responses from partner agencies.



Reducing Anti-social behaviour

Recommendations

- A strategic plan needs to be implemented to deal with the Bletchley Youth Centre/Melrose Avenue area, the community safety issues are one strand of this so they will contribute but not lead in this area.
- The data issue must be addressed, both within the council internally and then between agencies to systematically share data and information on ASB incidents and victims.
- There needs to be a process of identifying estates that are at risk of escalating problems (similar to those in Fishermead/Coffee Hall etc), using a template, adapted from previous works, problems in the area need to be tackled before they become resource intensive because they have reached a critical point.
- We need to ensure there is full multi agency consultation in the pre planning stages to try and avoid these issues arising, there will also need to be a protocol or policy as to how we respond to these issues in the future, where the evidence does not support the complaints.



Reducing reoffending

Key Findings

- There are high levels of alcohol and cannabis use in young offenders, over 50% of all 18-20 year olds had issues with drugs misuse. This may indicate escalation of use.
- The majority of young offenders have experienced some disruption in their home lives; factors such as domestic abuse and bereavement are particularly prevalent.

Recommendations

- Ensure links to Compass and CRI are working well, and also scope to look at the substance misuse messages that are being delivered to young people.
- This is an area that could be picked up within strengthening families initially, to look at the identification and support for young people facing these issues before criminality becomes a factor.



Reducing drug and alcohol misuse

Key findings

More females than men were admitted to hospital for drug specific conditions, this is happening alongside more female offenders, We have no gender specific information from the ambulance service or the drug treatment services, so we are unable to measure any trends or changes for different genders.

There is currently no multi agency operational group for Drugs and Alcohol.

Recommendations

Analysis into the higher levels of female admissions for drug specific conditions, in conjunction with looking at female drug taking/treatment/offending.

It would be useful to receive gender information from both the ambulance service and CRI/Compass to determine if there are difference between males and females and if we need to tailor services to different needs.

Research needs to be conducted into the use and need for a multi

agency drug and alcohol group.

