

(Ref 18 – 2013) Allocation of Community Safety Funds

Recipient	Outline of proposal
Hartlepool CSP	Independent Domestic Violence A
	Contribution to Integrated Offendé
	Neighbourhood safety fund (including ASBAD)
Total requested	
Recommended allocation	

PCC Scrutiny Meeting 25 September 2014 – Progress Reporting

Update from Hartlepool Borough Council, Community Safety Partnership

ASB - Hartlepool Targeted Outreach Project

Complementing universal outreach services which visit set locations on a routine basis, the targeted outreach project is delivered by the Belle Vue Community and Youth Centre. The project is delivered in an intelligence led and reactive manner, providing short term intervention in anti-social behaviour hotspot locations identified by partnership information and analysis and determined and reviewed at monthly multi-agency neighbourhood meetings.

Over the last three months the project has been operating in various anti-social behaviour hotspot locations, as listed below:

- Burn Valley Gardens and surrounding area
- Belle Vue Estate – Lakeland Walk, Borrowdale Street, Winter Close
- Burbank Estate
- Manor House – St Patricks Shops and surrounding residential area
- Murray Street
- Dyke House Estate – Allerton Close, Milbank Road
- Wiltshire Way
- Rossmere Park
- Jutland Road area including Seaton Lane
- Ward Jackson Park
- Summerhill
- Tunstall Court
- Clavering
- Woodcutter /Rift House
- Lynnfield
- Shakespeare ave area
- Westbrooke ave
- Rossmere way

Between April 2014 – August 2014 the project has made **883** contacts with young people in Hartlepool where outreach staff have directly engaged with young people, signposting them to alternative provision, and encouraging engagement with diversionary and educational activities - including sign up to the National Citizenship Scheme (NCS), Action Up, and the local COOL project. During the last quarter the outreach team have developed 'Pop up sports sessions' in the Rossmere area which have proved extremely successful and will be rolled out in other areas. Following the Targeted Outreach work in Manor House, positive relationships have been developed with young people and as a result a youth drop in youth service will start on the 25/09/2014.

Whilst challenging unruly behaviour is an essential aspect of the work of the Targeted Outreach project the health and well-being of young people remains of paramount importance. As such the promotion of safety messages in relation to risk taking behaviour and substance misuse is an integral part of the work undertaken by the targeted outreach team with referrals being made into specialist services where appropriate. Linked to the work being undertaken by the local Community Alcohol Partnership the team are also proactive in passing on intelligence to the Police and Council in relation to adults purchasing alcohol for young people and have made visits to licensed premises warning shop keepers not to sell alcohol to young people. They have recently uncovered a location where young people are drinking alcohol, assisted in the apprehension of a shoplifter in the Manor House area, and are proactive in feeding incidents into the Councils environmental team for action eg graffiti, and fly-tipping.

Spend for this project is on target and activities are meeting commissioning expectations with added value being provided to other services in Hartlepool delivering on the community safety and childrens health and well-being agenda.

Domestic Abuse - Independent Domestic Violence Advisor

The accredited IDVA service, provided by Harbour, works with high risk victims of domestic violence with referrals into the service coming from the Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference's (MARAC's) and/or the Specialist Domestic Violence Courts that operates at Hartlepool Magistrates court.

Latest data available for 2014/15 shows that the Hartlepool IDVA service has received 47 individual referrals during the first quarter of the financial year. Female victims account for the majority of referrals although male victim referrals are evident. The absence of SDVC outcome data for Hartlepool was raised as an issue at the last Partnership meeting in relation to measuring criminal justice outcomes linked to the work of the IDVA. Repeat MARAC cases continue to be a cause for concern, and as previously reported investigations are underway as to how to rectify this - the quality assessment feedback in relation to the Hartlepool MARAC is awaited.

The IDVA is one element of the specialist domestic violence and abuse service corporately commissioned by Hartlepool Borough Council and delivered by Harbour. As anticipated under the existing contract the service is currently being reviewed to determine the extent to which the services delivered by Harbour have met the stated objectives outlined in the contract, the intended service outcomes, and any barriers to service delivery with recommendations for improvement.

A mixed methods approach, comprising of qualitative, quantitative, and documentary evidence is currently being used to evaluate the service. This includes analysis of monitoring data collated by the contract management group, statistical data collated by the community safety team from a variety of sources, and semi-structured interviews and focus groups to gain the views of victim survivors, perpetrators, practitioners, and other stakeholders.

It had previously been anticipated that this piece of work would be completed by the end of the September but is now likely to be available end of October/beginning of November.

Outside of the existing contractual arrangements other partnership activity undertaken to combat Domestic Violence and Abuse includes:

- Improving links with health – domestic violence and abuse training session delivered to GP's, Sexual Health Pathway developed, raising awareness with mental health services and the secondment of a Health Link Worker in North Tees and Hartlepool Hospital.
- E-MASH – successful bid as part of the Competed Fund.
- School Healthy Relationships Programme – evaluation to be completed on the effectiveness of the healthy relationships programme that was delivered to primary and secondary schools in Hartlepool during 2013/14.
- World Cup Campaign – dedicated police vehicle and Harbour Support Worker during England matches and World Cup Final.
- Targeted Healthy Relationships Programme – Harbour and Hart Gables are developing a Healthy Relationships Programme targeted towards the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community.

Reducing Re-offending - Integrated Offender Management Scheme

The Cleveland Single Integrated Offender Management Group continues to meet to determine what a single IOM should look like in the future. The concept of an IOM hub has the support of all four csps who have agreed that this should include a Police Sergeant, CRC Manager, Prison Officers, and a Performance Officer with a job description being in place for the latter.

Accommodation has been secured at Holme House prison for the hub staff free of charge and furniture is in the process of being moved in. We have also had confirmation that funding will not be required for prison staff involved in the IOM hub and an IOM Police Sgt is already in place.

Funding is therefore required for a CRC manager and Performance Officer – this should be progressed asap - a job description will need to be compiled by the IOM group for the CRC manager who will not be responsible for staff in localities but will have an overview of the progress of IOM Schemes across Cleveland, ensuring good practice is shared, and working with providers to remove barriers to progress. The group is meeting next Monday to discuss next steps.

Hartlepool Offender Accommodation Officer post - following lengthy discussion with the CRC, Hartlepool Council are undertaking the recruitment for this post – it has been through the Councils job evaluation and moderation process and was signed off last week. This will be put out to advert next week. The successful applicant will sit within the CRC working between the Hartlepool Probation Office and the Prison.