

**HEALTH AND WELL-BEING BOARD
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COMMUNITY SAFETY AGREEMENT 2017/18**

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Priorities

Mental health & well-being	Yes
Being Active	No
Reducing harm from Alcohol	Yes
Other (specify below)	
Community Safety	

Safeguarding

Impact on Safeguarding Children Yes
If yes please give details
The CSA 2017/18 has safeguarding (children and adults) as a priority area.

Impact on Safeguarding Adults Yes
If yes please give details
The CSA 2017/18 has safeguarding (children and adults) as a priority area.

Item for Decision, Consideration or Information

Information and assurance

Recommendation

1. **The Health and Well-being Board is recommended to:**
 - a) **Note the Community Safety Agreement (CSA) 2017/18, (see Appendix 1), in relation to the sharing of business plans between the Adults and Children's Safeguarding Boards, the Health and Well-being Board and the Safer Communities Board, and**
 - b) **To note the Health and Well-being Board's areas of interest in the CSA, in particular the impact of violence upon the physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of adults, children and young people, the misuse of alcohol and substance misuse and the radicalisation of vulnerable people.**

Background

2. The Worcestershire Safer Communities Board (SCB) is responsible in a two tier Local Authority area to support and take a strategic oversight of community safety duties in relation to section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended). The duty requires Responsible Authorities, (Local Authorities, Police, National Probation Service, Fire and Rescue and CCG's) to develop policy and operational approaches to prevent crime and disorder, combat substance misuse and reduce reoffending. The Board is statutorily required to produce an annual Community Safety Agreement (CSA) to reflect its role and activities. The SCB is chaired by the Director of Public Health and the Chairman of the Health and Well-being Board is also a member. The SCB has a number of sub-groups, one which provides an update report at each of the SCB meetings. The sub groups are:

- The Worcestershire Forum against Domestic Abuse.
- The Worcestershire Prevent Strategy Group.
- The Worcestershire Reducing Offending Strategy Group.
- The Worcestershire Substance Misuse Oversight group (also reports to the Health and Well-being Board).

3. The role of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has become very significant in relation to community safety commissioning and influencing partnership work and his data and performance frameworks across West Mercia have become the primary source of information for community safety purposes, with a focus on higher level outcomes and not on targets. Some community safety information is provided through the Public Health Outcome Framework, but this is not as timely as Police data and so is not utilised in its current format, although discussions are taking place with Public Health England (PHE) to consider a joint data production arrangement between West Midlands Police and PHE and whether this would be beneficial for Worcestershire.

4. The CSA bases its high level strategic actions upon consideration of the annual strategic assessments carried out by the two Community Safety Partnerships (North Worcestershire and South Worcestershire CSP's), the PCC's Safer West Mercia Plan and other national guidance and legislation. The intention of the CSA is to complement and add value to existing activities and responsibilities and not to duplicate work by other Boards or agencies. National targets and indicators placed on the SCB were removed by the previous coalition Government and the focus of the SCB now, is to provide support, oversight and obtain reassurance primarily through the activity of its sub groups. Trends primarily based on crime data and information from sub groups and local Community Safety Partnerships are presented to the SCB, but detailed consideration of data takes place at Community Safety Partnerships and other groups. The CSA action plan reflects actions where the SCB and its sub groups can help strengthen and influence community safety work. For instance in 2107/18, it will oversee the co-production of a new Domestic Abuse Strategy for Worcestershire.

5. Much of the SCB strategic work is directly relevant to the objectives of the Health and Wellbeing Board. The CSA priorities relating to domestic abuse, alcohol and substance misuse, reducing reoffending and harm reduction (including safeguarding and Prevent) are of significance in terms of improving population mental and physical health and well-being. It should also be noted that some of the

Health and well-being Board's members, (the Local Authorities, CCG's and Police,) are Responsible Authorities under the Crime and Disorder Act and have duties to support the reduction of crime and disorder and are also members of the SCB.

6. The Council's community safety function including, the management of the SCB, is subject to an annual scrutiny exercise by the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board (OSPB), with the most recent meeting taking place on 13 Sept 2016. More detailed OSPB scrutiny exercises have also taken place on substance misuse and crime and harm against vulnerable people.

7. The CSA sets out a number of actions and activities where the SCB plays a strategic role and in 2016/17 these have included:

- Leading on the successful local implementation of the national white ribbon to raise awareness of domestic abuse
- Briefings on the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC)
- Briefings for Magistrates
- Embedding Child Sexual Exploitation work into community safety partnerships,
- Co-ordinating three domestic homicide reviews
- Assisting the Adult Safeguarding Board to better understand the impact of domestic abuse on older people
- Working with Swanswell, the substance misuse service to improve outcomes on effective co-operation with criminal justice and community safety partners
- Leading the Worcestershire Prevent group and the Channel Panel to manage individuals at risk of radicalisation.

8. The specific purpose of this report is to highlight the CSA to the Board as part of developing working arrangements between the chairs of the Health and Well-being Board and the Adults and Children's Safeguarding Boards. The Chairs have signed a joint protocol to support each other's work, primarily through consideration of each other's business plans or annual reports, with a specific focus upon reassurance on safeguarding responsibilities. The Chairs of these Boards also meet quarterly to consider areas of work and the opportunities for closer co-operation.

9. The SCB is due to become a fourth signatory to the Protocol, but has in the interim participated in the joint Chairs' meetings. The CSA has just been agreed by the SCB and it has been agreed that it would be helpful for the Health and Well-being Board to be made aware of CSA 2017/18, as part of the co-operative approach between key Boards.

10. The CSA is a brief high level strategic document, with a short action plan. It specifically highlights safeguarding within its key priority areas and there are relevant work streams in relation to domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation and Prevent. It also clearly sets out the governance arrangements in Worcestershire (and across West Mercia) for community safety.

11. The operation of the SCB and the drafting and implementation of the CSA are led by the Public Health team and so there is an embedded and cross cutting

approach to health and wellbeing and community safety in business planning, commissioning and operational activities.

Legal, Financial and HR Implications

12. N/A

Privacy Impact Assessment

13. N/A

Equality and Diversity Implications

An Equality Relevance Screening has been completed in respect of these recommendations. The screening did not identify any potential Equality considerations requiring further consideration during implementation.

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Supporting Information

- Appendix 1 Worcestershire Community Safety Agreement 2017/18

Background Papers

N/A