

Title of meeting: Health & Wellbeing Board

Date of meeting: 24th November 2021

Subject: Partnership Strategic Assessment of Crime, Anti-social Behaviour, Reoffending and Substance Misuse: 2020/21

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Wards affected: All

Key decision: No

Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 Community Safety Partnerships have a statutory requirement to produce an annual strategic assessment (or update) as well as a three-year partnership plan (refreshed annually). This document fulfils the obligation to produce the strategic assessment and informs the partnership plan.
- 1.2 The '*Partnership Strategic Assessment of Crime, Anti-social Behaviour, Re-offending and Substance Misuse 2020/21*' provides a summary of research and analysis, identifies any emerging issues, key trends, and gaps in knowledge, and recommends community safety priorities.
- 1.3 Taking the available research and analysis into consideration, the priorities identified in 2019/20 remain, but a few additional priorities have been added (in bold):
 - (i) Tackling violent crime, continuing to focus on domestic abuse, knife-enabled violence, and **sexual violence**
 - (ii) Tackling drug-related harm, with a focus on increasing access to treatment and closer working across physical and mental healthcare.
 - (iii) Early identification of and interventions with children and young people at risk of exploitation or abuse, of misusing substances and of offending
 - (iv) Improve accessibility and capacity of mental health provision for children, young people, and adults.**
 - (v) Increase the awareness of cyber-related harm**

2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the Health & Wellbeing Board:

- (i) Approve the new recommended priorities as set out in the Executive Summary.
- (ii) Use the information in the strategic assessment to develop a community safety plan for the next three years, to be approved by the HWB.
- (iii) Use the information in this strategic assessment to guide evidence-based day to day decision making and resource allocation.
- (iv) Recognise that in the current climate of reduced resources across services, we need to focus on improving performance by working together in relation to identified gaps in knowledge or additional recommended research.

3. Background

3.1 The Safer Portsmouth Partnership was incorporated into the Health and Wellbeing Board in June 2019. The constitution of the board was amended to take on the statutory duties of a local community safety partnership. The Health and Wellbeing Board is now the vehicle through which the five statutory partners - council, fire, police, health and probation¹ - work together to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and reoffending as required by Sections 5 and 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended).²

3.2 The responsible authorities are required by sections 5 of the Act to produce a detailed piece of analysis (strategic assessment), that identifies local priorities for action. This strategic assessment was produced by the Public Health Intelligence Team using a range of data from partner agencies, including police recorded crime, and provides a summary of local and national analysis and research that:

- Checks the partnership's current priorities and identifies any emerging issues
- Provides a better understanding of local issues and community concerns, by triangulating key data sets
- Provides knowledge of what is driving the problems to help identify appropriate responses

3.3 Please see attached at Appendix A the Executive Summary of the Partnership Strategic Assessment of Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour, Substance Misuse and Reoffending, 2020/21. The full Strategic Assessment will be made publicly available on the Safer Portsmouth website when final amendments have been made and provisional data confirmed. If members of the HWB would like to discuss the data and analysis that informs the Executive Summary, please contact the community safety researchers directly - csresearchers@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

¹ Also referred to as the 'responsible authorities'

² <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/37/section/5> and <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/37/section/6>

4. Reasons for recommendations

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended) Secs 5 and 6 set out the requirements for community safety partnerships to prepare a strategic assessment in accordance with Regulations 5 to 7. The strategic assessment identifies five main priorities that address the underlying issues of crime and anti-social behaviour.

This assessment will inform the partnership plan and by providing collaborative leadership alongside our partners in order to address these issues, the levels of crime and anti-social behaviour should reduce and make residents safer.

5. Integrated impact assessment

Impact Assessments will be undertaken as required on the specific work to take forward the priorities identified in this needs assessment.

6. Legal implications

The report is compliant in that it is a statutory function to produce a strategic assessment. The assessment considers the needs of groups that may be impacted in particular as a result of protected characteristics.

7. Director of Finance's comments

There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations contained within the report. The plans developed in response to this assessment by the Health and Wellbeing Board will need to continue to operate within their approved Cash Limit.

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Appendices:

- (i) Appendix A - Executive Summary for the Partnership Strategic Assessment of Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour, Substance Misuse and Reoffending, 2020/21

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
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The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/
rejected by on

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