

Minutes
Thurrock Community Safety Partnership Strategic Board
26 June 2020
2pm – 4:30pm
Teams Meeting

1.0 Introductions & Apologies

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Julie Rogers (JRo) – Chair	Director of Environment, Highways & Counter Fraud, TBC	Attended
Tracey Harman – Vice Chair	Chief Superintendent, Essex Police	Attended
Cllr R Gledhill	Portfolio Holder	Apologies
Cllr J Redsell	PCP Member	Apologies
Richard Melton	District Commander	Attended
Tony Clark	ECFRS	Apologies
Justin Benson-Ryal	ECFRS	Apologies
Russ Freeman	ECFRS	Attended
Cheryl Wells	Emergency Planning & Resilience	Attended
Michelle Cunningham	Thurrock Community Safety Partnership	Attended
Ian Wake	Director Public Health	Apologies
Bosa Osunde	Safeguarding Adults	Attended
Malcolm Taylor	Children’s Services, TBC	Attended
Clare Moore	Strategic Lead, CSC	Attended
Martin Lucas	CRC	Attended
Kev Malone	Public Health / Thurrock DAAT	Apologies
Carol Hinvest	Assistant Director, Housing	Attended
Shirley Kennerson	NPS	Apologies
Karen Grinney	NPS	Attended
Howard Oldstein	Intu	Attended
Jason Read	YOS	Attended
Steven Mayo	CCG	Apologies
Winnie Blackwell	CCG	Attended
Suzanne Harris	OPFCC	Attended

1.1 Attendees were reminded of confidentiality and disclosure agreement Julie Rogers

1.2 Items for urgent AOB
None noted

TH advised the board members that this would be her last meeting and

that C/Supt Steve Worrton would be replacing her.

JRo congratulated Tracey on her promotion and thanked her for all her support and hard work in Thurrock.

2.0 Minutes

Julie Rogers

2.1 Minutes from 19/3/20

Approved as a true record

2.2 Outstanding Actions

Updates are recorded on action log

2.3 Matters Arising –none

3.0 Performance

Tracey Harman

3.1 Essex Police Crime Performance

Crime performance data was shared and discussed with the caveat that the data was skewed due to COVID.

Reported crime is currently down whilst ASB is showing an increase.

There has been a clear reduction in victims of state based crime.

TH went on to say that Violence With Injury has seen a 3% decrease in May and that the expected increase in reporting of Domestic Abuse hadn't been seen and that this was still the case following some lifting of restrictions.

JRo reassured the Board that Partners across Thurrock continue to adapt and deliver services to help victims and survivors of domestic abuse. Locally and Essex wide there are many meetings that are held regularly to capture the concerns, and the responses that have been required as well as local partner updates from DA providers, internal and external partners, Health DA sub group meeting, Regional DA leads and SETDAB COVID response meetings.

She added that services continue to take referrals and provide support remotely. As lockdown began, partners have provided weekly updates to the VAWG coordinator to monitor trends and demands on services. These have been used to provide an overview of the local responses and to inform the wider Essex and Eastern regional trends, monitoring any issues or concerns. Initially services experienced a large decrease in the number of referrals, to Children's Social Care, housing safeguarding who offer support for domestic abuse and MARAC, who assess and safeguard high-risk victims of DA. The sanctuary service is operating, helping victims to remain safely in their homes; Refuge provision is open, albeit the move on process is hampered by the current restrictions. Referral rates for most services are now in line with either year on year stats or pre COVID levels.

JRo asked how prepared we were for the easing of further restrictions on 4/7?

TH provided reassurance that there would be a double shift locally as well as central resources to manage any issues when the pubs reopen.

JRo added how pleasantly surprised they had been at the opening of the High Streets and Lakeside in particular.

HO added that it has been a very pleasant experience and that really good relationships have been built with both the police and retailers and customers. When they opened further it was well controlled and managed and customers responded well. Some concerns expressed for 4/7 and Board Walk in particular but confirmed were prepared.

ML asked about plans to reopen Civic Offices to enable the public to engage with services?

JRo responded that currently looking at the recovery phase and the view is not to rush people back into the Civic as government guidance continues to be work at home if able.

Opening across the estate are being looked at to ensure when do open it is effective and safe. She added there is an opportunity to look at all services and what needs there are regards face to face. JRo offered to discuss further and impacts for CRC outside of meeting.

3.2 Serious Incidents:

Black lives Matter

TH explained that there had been 5 or 6 events across Essex including Thurrock but that there had been very much a community feel and we hadn't seen the issues seen in London

RM added that there were 25 people at the event in Grays, they attended and engaged and there was no disorder. RM thanked the teams for heads up regards event and the street clearance prior

4.0 **Police Fire Crime Panel**

4.1 Apologies were noted and no update available

Cllr Redsell

SH provide a brief update from the OPFCC and that they were now in a place to publish the one year extension to the Police and Crime Plan. She explained that the overall priorities hadn't changed but that the focus within some had.

Suzanne Harris

5.0 **Violence & Vulnerability**

CSP gang report

MC summarised the report shared.

JRe went onto to detail the work of the gang forum and reiterated that

Michelle &
Jason

for Thurrock those causing the most harm do not meet the Essex criteria as their offending is outside of the borough and that this was a significant concern to us.

He updated on recent incidents, all of which were in London boroughs but involved young people from Thurrock and open to Thurrock YOS.

JRo summarised that the work the partnership was doing to address this was huge, but was still of concern to residents and asked how we could address the concern raised by JRe.

TH asked for further clarity regards how could data be captured and asked if there was sufficient working with the analyst to unblock this? ML offered to support this at the Board on behalf of Thurrock JRo and SH confirmed they would also raise this at meetings they attended.

6.0 Counter Extremism and Terrorism

Carol Hinvest

Prevent Strategy

CH presented the strategy and made the following key points;

- The foreword was drafted a while ago and excluded the recent attack in Reading
- The threat remains as substantial
- No impact has been seen locally in relation to BLM but may see a response from Right Wing Extremism
- CH went onto explain that the strategy now covers a much broader spectrum, including mixed & unclear ideologies linked to school shootings in America and misogyny and that this was another form of grooming
- Most referrals in Thurrock are from education and the police however may have underlying mental health problems and there was a plea for partners to think about prevent when they see hate crime and particularly for those working within mental health settings and to consider a referral to prevent.
- CH observed that there had been some disruption to training, however we had promoted the Act Now for communities and the Home Office on line training for professionals
- CH updated on the Channel Panel peer review that was held and that it was very positive with strong chairing by Jason, good representation by partners and strategic decision making
 - MT raised that there were sensitivities regards those who had autism and how need to understand their vulnerabilities and would be useful to have included within the strategy
CH agreed would be beneficial to include those factors that can make a person more vulnerable.
- CH concluded that there were no concerns from the prevent

Board regards publishing this and transparency, however would like a steer politically
JRo agreed to raise this at DB

7.0 Delivering Safer Communities

7.1 Information Sharing Agreement

MC updated that this was now ready to sign and requested all statutory partners send their electronic signatures so that this could then go to all other partners.

Michelle
Cunningham

7.2 Community Safety Engagement Officers

RM updated on the new role within Essex Police and that PC Neil Brand is the officer for Thurrock. He explained that he would be a conduit to get information out from the Police and CSP to communities. Will liaise with partners and ensure a joined up communications approach.

Richard Melton

MC said this was a welcomed post and following a positive meeting could see how members and the community would benefit and that there would be a focus on "tell"

- RF asked about Buckles Lane and how could support engagement there?

RM updated on recent incident and explained how the CSEO role would support managing community tensions

JRo thanks RF for raising concerns and offered to discuss further outside meeting the ongoing work

- MT asked about how the role would link into schools and acknowledged that PC Brand was previously well known to schools

RM said that this was being looked at.

TH added that there were now 3 Children and Young People Officers and that all Secondary Schools would have a link officer and would be looking at how support post September

MT extended an invite to the next safeguarding officers meeting

7.3 Ports Watch

RM explained that following Op Melrose he was creating a multi-agency ports watch to look at the importance of sharing intel in relation to trafficking through ports and that the first professionals meeting was planned for 7/7.

Richard Melton

There would also be a group engaging with commercial partners and communities to harness the less sensitive intel.

He also explained that Op Bluebird had been set up as an important response to tackle the organised crime that sits behind this.

The second phase will include engagement and ports policing and that Thurrock was looking to be the centre of excellence to protect victims.

CW raised the point that prevention is key.

RM absolutely and that need to engage and support the ports to achieve this.

JRo welcomed this piece of work and the positive partner engagement

TH explained that there would also be a focus on Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers and requested Board agreement that the task and finish group reported back through this Board

7.4 Probation Reform Programme

Martin Lucas

ML updated that this was positive and welcome news and that more or less all CRC case management of offenders and interventions would transfer to the NPS from June next year and that this was a major but correct decision.

He added that the CRC had developed in a number of different ways and was proud of the way they had responded to delivery – particularly locally. He added that all staff will transfer.

He said that as stakeholders there will be one rep from NPS going forward and the Board should think about as a partnership what they want from this, but assured would still have a local feel through both data and feedback.

KG offered to share a Q & A briefing.

ML advised that he was moving to a central role covering the Regional Director and there would be a change in representative at this meeting, however would ensure that the commitment to great partnership working in Thurrock remained.

JRo congratulated Martin on his promotion and along with TH thanked ML for his support of this Board and Thurrock

7.5 Impact of COVID

- 7.5.1 • VAWG see updated within 4.1

Julie Rogers

- 7.5.2 • Schools opening

Tracey Harman

TH expressed concerns in relation to the increase in low level reporting of ASB

HO added that the return of the boy racers in the car parks as there was opportunity at present and also that whilst most abided by the distancing rules it was a challenge and that one way in particular was concern.

MT added that young people were responding well at coming back into schools but challenge will be harder as more return.

JRo raised that the film had been made by public health for schools and that this maybe an option for Intu

BO asked if suitable for adults with a learning disability and MT offered to share.

7.5.3

• Police Response

Richard Melton

RM outlined the police approach using the 4E's: Engagement, Explain, Education, and finally Enforcement and in general there was good compliance.

Across Essex they engaged with 11,291 people seen to be in breach of restrictions, issued 236 penalty notices and made 18 arrests.

Nuisance motorbikes continue to be the biggest issue at present across Thurrock and community concern. Op Caesar has delivered a response to this with funding from the council, but RM flagged concerns over the funding coming to an end.

JRo updated that MC had pulled together a bid for further funding along with recommendation that Caesar should be a priority.

8.0 Finance Update

Michelle
Cunningham

The CSP has £43,232 available to allocate this funding year, of which just under £25k is grant fund from PFCC. The remainder is Council funded. In addition Environment Directorate has contributed £17k for the Essex wide commissioning of the IDVA post within the MASH.

The exec have allocated the funds as follows however MC flagged concerns in that this will not all be spent this year:

- VAWG £6,000 looking to move training to online and will therefore be reduction in costs or won't be able to deliver all the training planned
- V & V £10k allocated to gang intervention work – needs to complement the funding from Essex VVU – discussions started and £4k for inspire mentoring programme – not at risk
- Hate crime £4k stay safe event LD at risk and awareness materials – currently being refreshed
- HT & MDS £5k working to develop campaign alongside crimestoppers – will utilise NGO group as stakeholders to consult
- ASB £2k for signage of PSPOs – ext. Grays and new one in relation to dog fouling – providing consultation agreed
- Tackling offending – Youth At Risk £6k schools programme and therefore at risk
- Prevent - £1,000 training, guidance packs (LTAI) and pledge cards governors

£5k remains to allocate

Essex VVU Fund £1.1m MC shared breakdown across workstreams

9.0 Future Agenda Items:

ALL

- EU Exit: CW
- Update on Ports work: RM

10 AOB

10.1 EU Exit

CW explained that contingency plans were in place agreed to cover in detail at next agenda

10.2 Memorial

JRo updated Board members on a memorial for the 39 victims of Op Melrose

Meeting Dates:2020	Items for Discussion
Thursday 24 September, 2pm to 4:30pm	Consultation on H & WB Strategy Priority 3:Community Engagement & Visibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASB • Town Centre Team Priority 2: Violence and Vulnerability: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Public Health Report • Hate crime • Ports and Modern Day Slavery & HT EU Exit
Thursday 10 December, 2pm to 4:30pm	Priority 1: Violence Against Women and Girls Priority 4: Re-offending Priority
March 2021	Strategic Assessment Delivery Plan 2021/22 & Priorities
June 2021	Priority 5: Counter Extremism progress Information Sharing protocol review