

## Minutes

Thurrock Community Safety Partnership Strategic Board

10 December 2020

2pm – 4:30pm via Teams Meeting

**Chair:** TC/Supt Saunders

### 1. Introductions and Apologies

#### Statutory

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Julie Rogers (JRo) – Chair	Director of Environment, Highways & Counter Fraud, TBC	Apologies
Craig Saunders – Vice Chair	TC/Superintendent, Essex Police	Attended - Chair
Cllr R Gledhill	Portfolio Holder	Attended
Cllr J Redsell	PCP Member	Apologies
Richard Melton	T Supt Essex Police	Apologies
Paul Austin	Acting District Commander	Attended
Stuart Hooper	Essex Police T/DCHSUPT	
Tony Clark	ECFRS	Apologies
Justin Benson-Ryal	ECFRS	
Russ Freeman	ECFRS	
Cheryl Wells	Emergency Planning & Resilience	Attended
Katie Castle	CRC	Attended
Shirley Kennerson	NPS	
Karen Grinney	NPS	Attended
Stephen Mayo	CCG	Apologies
Winnie Blackwell	CCG – covering Stephen Mayo	Attended

#### Non Statutory

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Ian Wake	Director Public Health	
Bosa Osunde	Safeguarding Adults	
Malcolm Taylor	Children's Services, TBC	Attended
Clare Moore	Strategic Lead, CSC	Apologies
Kev Malone	Public Health / Thurrock DAAT	Apologies
Will Johnstone	Public Health – covering Kev Malone	Attended
Carol Hinvest	Assistant Director, Housing	Attended
Howard Oldstein	Centre Director, Lakeside shopping centre	Attended
Jason Read	YOS	Attended
Greg Myddleton	OPFCC	Apologies
Kristina Jackson	CVS	
Sheila Coates	SERICC	

### Ex Officio

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Michelle Cunningham	Thurrock Community Safety Partnership	Attended
Caitlin Gibson	Thurrock Community Safety Partnership	Attended

### Additional invitees

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Priscilla Tsang	Thurrock VAWG Coordinator	Attended

1.1 Attendees were reminded of confidentiality and disclosure agreement

1.2 Items for urgent AOB – none

## **2. Minutes**

2.1 Minutes from 24/9/20

Approved as a true record and agreed to publish

2.2 Outstanding Actions

Updates are recorded on action log

2.3 Matters Arising

None

## **3. Performance**

3.1 Essex Police Crime Performance Report

All crime in Thurrock down by 12.5%

COVID has affected crime rates

All crimes reduced both nationally and on a local level

Average reduction is 6.4% across Essex so Thurrock is doing well

Doing some work around importance of reporting – solved rates at around 14%

Data:

- Acquisitive crime – residential burglaries down by a third
- All burglaries down 30%
- Vehicle offences down 23%
- Theft down 26%
- Damage down 20%
- Violence without injury up 2%
- Rape increased by 4%

Craig  
Saunders

3.2 Incidents of note:

Members were briefed on key incidents of note:

- Homicide investigation in the early hours of 30 November 2020
- Lakeside Christmas Wonderland Sunday 6 December 2020
- Lakeside has been very busy since reopening  
7 shutdowns of main entrances at the weekend to enforce social distancing, mask wearing, etc

Paul Austin

Howard  
Oldstein

Police resource offer has been very well received by Lakeside team and public

2 million customers due to visit Lakeside between now and Christmas Eve

Starting up queues for food areas and main doors

Dedicated police resource between 12-8pm who walks around the centre

CS has now doubled resource to 2 officers between 12-8pm

**3.3 Situational briefing: Organised Immigration Crime (OIC)**

Craig  
Saunders

Detailed briefing provided in relation to OIC

Lots of work around ports following Op Melrose

No new investigations of organised immigration crime

Op Angelite focussing on Tilbury and Purfleet

Ops at Moto services

Border Force – no patterns of organised immigration crime

Op Innerst launched – looks at safeguarding of migrant children

**4. Police, Fire, Crime Commissioner Update**

Info Only

**4.1 OPFCC briefing – shared**

Audit of CSP's has taken place but we haven't had the findings yet

Likely we will receive the same funding next year of £24,600

A public survey on the police precept has gone out and been widely shared

**4.2 Facebook Live 19/1/20 – info**

Chief Inspector Melton will be leading

**5. Priority 1: Update on Violence Against Women and Girls**

**5.1 Report shared**

Priscilla Tsang

COVID has had a big impact, particularly on practitioners

Partners coordinated a single response, conveying the same messages and sharing the same communication campaigns

Coordinated monitoring response to capture any changes in demand and emerging concerns through lockdown

VAWG strategy 2020-23 approved and commenced in April

Looks at how we can all play a part in tackling VAWG and make VAWG everyone's' business

The strategy is delivered through 5 themed outcomes:

1. Positive Communities- Engage our local communities through training and awareness of VAWG crimes and associated behaviours, enabling them to stand up and say 'no' to these crimes in their community.
2. Prevention - Increased awareness and education of VAWG crimes and associated behaviours within schools and across

various professions. Implementing safeguarding and harm prevention activities.

3. Partnership- Effective multi-agency arrangements exploring VAWG crimes, sharing of information and good practice.
4. Provision- Support victims of VAWG crimes with the appropriate service for their need
5. Protection- Appropriate intervention for all individuals displaying concerning behaviours. Seeking sustainable behaviour change in identified perpetrators. Perpetrators are brought to justice

Successes:

- J9 and CMCA have been adapted to online delivery
- End of 16 days of action – CSP tweets, supporting colleagues, internal work for managers to support DA victims, CEO blogs, etc
- Thurrock DAIT team were successful in obtaining the first Stalking Protection Order in Essex
- Thurrock Public Health completed a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment into Sexual Violence & Abuse which was launched at the Thurrock Sexual Violence and Abuse Summit in March 2020. The recommendations will be delivered through the Sexual Violence and Vulnerability Partnership
- The Housing Safeguarding team have supported an increased number of survivors, with some month's figures double the previous year

Conducted out of hours patrols during COVID lockdowns to be able to make contact with service users during the evening when it may be more convenient

Future developments:

- DA Bill expected to receive royal ascent in early 2021. Introduces a statutory government definition of DA to specifically include economic abuse and controlling and manipulative non-physical abuse. From April 2021 all Tier One Local Authorities will have a duty to provide safe accommodation to victims of domestic abuse. Government have provided councils with a one-off payment, the Capacity Building Fund, to help them prepare for this responsibility.
- Awaiting the outcome of the Workplace Laws for Domestic Abuse Survivors consultation. Thurrock Council already offer much of what has been consulted and proposed.
- Essex-wide roll out of Operation Encompass, following pilot in Thurrock  
Involves sharing information with schools in relation to incidents of Domestic Abuse
- Findings of evaluation of Op Goldcrest expected soon – allows young people the opportunity to anonymously provide evidence of their experiences without involving the Police
- The OPFCC were successful in their bid to the Home Office Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Fund. Application focused on a Non-

Violence Resistance (NVR) training programme in order to address Adolescent to Parent Violence (APV). NVR training will commence across Southend, Essex and Thurrock (SET) in January 2021

Comments:

- CH – evening patrols particularly useful with victims of ASB and DA
- Building more positive and less confrontational relationship with professionals
- Resident Engagement Facebook page very active discussing 16 days
- Housing safeguarding team have previously supported victims

VAWG call for evidence

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/violence-against-women-and-girls-vawg-call-for-evidence>

Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Call for Evidence

This call for evidence is seeking to collect views from those with lived experience of, or views on, crimes considered as violence against women and girls. It will run for a period of 10 weeks.

## **6. Priority 4: Update on Tackling offending**

### **6.1 CRC**

Katie Castle

433 Essex CRC service users recorded as Thurrock residents

86.84% are males and 13.16% are females

71.59% are White British and 28.41% are Non-white British

Thurrock data indicates that 80.91% of the Thurrock population is White British and 19.09% is Non-White

Proportion of BAME CRC service users is disproportionate to BAME individuals in the borough

Offences dropped during COVID

12 gang registers – includes possible current gang members but also could be over assessment and incorrect classification

Lifestyle has increased in terms of risk and need from last year – slightly above county as a whole

October 2017 - September 2018 shows reduction in reoffending

CRC's are measured on sentences completed successfully – target is 75%, County and Thurrock teams are well above

BAME interventions with 4Front – started Oct 2019 and undergoing evaluation

Women offenders strategy - 5 women instructed under Open Road's first Thurrock Women's Programme – delivered in St Peters and St Pauls Church Hall in Grays

Homeless prevention taskforce – 1 Thurrock resident accessed funding and released to accommodation in Thurrock to date – remains in accommodation

Further 4 non-Thurrock Essex residents have been placed in Thurrock following their release  
 Currently working to an exceptional delivery model, with a mix of remote and face-to-face contact  
 Under current restrictions, CRC are expected to see 15% of community caseload face-to-face – achieving county wide  
 Project in a Box – equipment needed for activities such as mask making, keeping in touch cards and making Christmas presents for children in refuges is sent to service users – items then sold in charity shops or given to refuges  
 Delivering 80% of pre-COVID unpaid work hours

JR – reoffending figure is not produced at district level, only at national. What is current national figure for reoffending?  
*KC - Overall for Oct-Dec 2018 reoffending rate 28.1% but that is for all offenders including long term custody.  
 For released and community offenders overall rate was 35.7% but still doesn't reflect our cases.  
 Short term custody rate is 61%  
 Essex rate is 43% with a frequency (per year) of 5 convictions for those that do offend*

6.2

NPS

Karen Grinney

Presentation shared with Board and update given  
 Thurrock higher than county average on 'Attitudes' – refusing to engage, etc  
**KG to look into why Thurrock is higher than rest of county regards attitudes**  
 Compliance with community sentences generally higher in Thurrock than the average target  
 Exceptional Delivery Model – seeing all high and very high risk face to face, and any medium with DA issues, violence, gangs etc  
 Intensive intervention and risk management service (IIRMS) – work intensively with most worrying, complex, high risk cases with personality disorders who are coming out of custody, especially those significantly likely to reoffend  
 Offender personality disorder pathway – employ a psychologist across Essex to support probation officers to work with complex people with personality disorder under IIRMS  
 JR – is there any data on reoffending rates?  
*KG -Latest South East and Eastern NPS figures are 35% reoffending rate and 4.24 frequency.*

6.3

YOS

Jason Read

Quarterly Jan18 - Mar18 cohort:

- Aggregated yearly figure for Thurrock for youth justice is 34.2%, Essex is 41.1% and England is 38.2%
- Our family of areas have a 0.5% lower reoffending rate than

Thurrock

- Small cohort so numbers fluctuate, quite erratic

YOS also monitor first time entrants to criminal justice system

Thurrock has lowest of first time entrants, lower than Essex PCC area and England and Wales

Factors against desistance – similar patterns to CRC and NPS

- Thinking and behaviour
- Emotional wellbeing & misuse
- Substance misuse comes quite high but misleading as more around cases with possession of cannabis rather than being addicted to class A drugs and involving serious offending to fund habit

Types of offences seen are similar to NPS and CRC – violence against the person, don't see much DA in children's services, but see adolescent on parent abuse – child assaulting parent and emotional control

Significant increase in assaults on emergency workers – often low level attacks

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| 6.4 | <p><u>Report to ECJB on concerns in relation to resettlement of prisoners</u><br/>Opportunity for funding through the DAAT to develop HMO for offenders<br/>Report written to try to escalate up to professionals that could actually have some impact on this issue, really well received<br/>Can bring response back to this Board in 6 months' time<br/>Dulal has been instrumental in this work to bring housing and employment of offenders together</p>             | Will Johnstone         |
| 6.5 | <p><u>Report of DAAT</u><br/>Governance of DAAT links to Health and Wellbeing Board but covered here as links to reoffending<br/><b>WJ Offered to provide presentation on demographics of those in treatment etc</b><br/>Services are up running and operational<br/>Majority of work taking place virtually<br/>Some face to face with those most vulnerable</p>   | Will Johnstone         |
| 6.6 | <p><u>Restorative Justice</u><br/>Jan - Nov 2020 had 27 referrals<br/>Concerning decrease on 2019 where there were 45 referrals in the same time period – 40% reduction<br/>Essex saw a 27% reduction from 331 to 240<br/>31% had positive outcomes<br/>48% of referrals were for neighbourhood disputes<br/>19% harassment and malicious coms<br/>11% violence<br/>93% of participants were satisfied with the process and 78% said it had a positive impact on them</p> | Michelle<br>Cunningham |

Focus this year is to look at referrals to address hate crime and domestic abuse where appropriate

Training run 2<sup>nd</sup> December with 35 attendees, mainly housing – hoping this will increase our referrals

Community justice panel between Cllrs representing residents and businesses

JR - Regards assault on police, in 13 cases contacted police officers to arrange an RJ conference but no police officers agreed to take part

## 7. Counter Extremism & Terrorism

Carol Hinvest

### 7.1 Change to threat level CTLP briefing

Home Office have no specific intelligence regarding threat to UK but recent incidents have raised the threat perspective of the whole of Europe

Prevent Board received briefing on Incels

Discussion around need to highlight the vulnerabilities without stigmatising

ACT Early toolkit now available

Prevent on IAG agenda for January

Channel Duty Guidance change – now statutory duty on local authorities

Lots of changes to training – will ensure relevant agencies are briefed

Virtual training running every month – open to all agencies that may be interested

**Specific age appropriate training for primary schools – MC to forward to Malcolm Taylor**

More channel referrals from schools than any other area

Education sector respond very well and understand Prevent

## 8. Delivering Safer Communities

### 8.1 Review of risk log

Michelle  
Cunningham

Need to mindful next year about whether we have the capacity, resources and funding to deliver on the priorities agreed

Some pockets of metal theft – risk to road users

Impact of COVID – risks it brings, including MH and wellbeing, increase in ASB

Capacity to deliver PSHE in schools and extra-curricular work – how it has been limited and impacted

Changes to service delivery

Pending change to CRC and NPS, date for action is on hold

Need to look at what we can pause, hold back on, etc for 6 months so we can focus on real, current risks sooner

CW – said happy to look at with MC and suggested a working group be convened

**Key people to look at pieces of work that could be paused to reprioritise**

and focus on the most high risk

8.2 EU Exit

Cheryl Wells

Contingency plan in place for Purfleet, the port and West of borough  
Risk of disruption at borders – DP World and Tilbury not such an issue as have onsite capacity  
Purfleet is a small port with limited onsite capacity and close to Junction 31  
Separate plans in place from council and police which can align if necessary  
Plan in place for HGV enforcement as may see some illegal parking as Kent try to clear their roads  
Need to keep M25 moving as lots of fuel sites located around it that supply Essex, Thurrock, Kent etc  
Fuel sites all aware of plans  
Howard Oldstein briefed as Lakeside is usually affected when there is congestion at Junction 31  
Updated Stuart Hooper who is leading on immigration and ports watch etc  
Briefing next week with all partners on how TCG would be activated, who would attend meetings and how communications would go out

8.3 Impact of COVID

MT – children out of school, reports of behaviour worsening over first lockdown  
Lots of schools having to close individual bubbles, children off for a while due to Christmas and isolation – risk of harmful associations, gang involvement etc

Cllr Gledhill –community asking why police aren't enforcing restrictions  
Has made it clear that it is policing by consent and everyone needs to take responsibility for their own actions  
Noticed good adherence to COVID rules in main town centres but not so much in smaller corner shops, etc  
What are police doing to push the importance of masks, etc out to smaller shops?  
*CS – number of dedicated patrols out on a daily basis and when timely info is received, police can respond and enforce*  
*PA – around 8-10 COVID breaches reported each day*  
*Dedicated Op Tallah cars funded by Home Office to enforce rules*  
*Happy to take back any areas specifically concerned about for the COVID team to look into*

Messages are less COVID focused now as other crime continues to happen  
CS – at the beginning of the pandemic, crime significantly reduced so officers were more available to enforce COVID guidelines

MC – 2 areas we are getting reports about are Stanford le Hope High Street and cruisers around the blue bus which have been dealt with by local policing teams and other agencies  
OOH patrols visiting Friday and Saturdays nights reporting no breaches for past 3 weeks  
Cllr Gledhill – main complaints coming from Corringham area

**9 Finance Update**

Michelle  
Cunningham

All funds allocated  
Some potential underspends – should be all allocated and looking at carry forward in relation to grant funds  
£10,000 for gangs was unallocated but now have a plan with Jason and Wendy  
Underspends on DA training as has gone online but means we can put more sessions on so reinvesting into those areas  
Yearly event for learning disabled stay safe event - unable to do, but now developing virtual package so money is being used for this  
The Violence and vulnerability funding has been allocated to work with vulnerable families moving into the borough and targeted interventions at “reachable moment”  
**KC request for conversation with MC around allocated funding regards Gangs**

**10. Future Agenda Items**

ALL

See table below

**11. AOB**

Thanks extended to Paul Ballard for all his work within Community Policing

<b>Meeting Dates</b>	<b>Items for Discussion</b>
14:00 - 16:30	
18 March 2021	Strategic Assessment Delivery Plan 2021/22 & Priorities Priority 2: Hate crime Priority 3:ASB
10 June 2021	Priority 5: Counter Extremism progress Information Sharing protocol review
23 September 2021	
16 December 2021	