

## Minutes

Thurrock Community Safety Partnership Strategic Board  
10 June 2021  
2pm to 4:30pm via Teams Meeting  
**Chair:** Julie Rogers

### 1. Introductions and apologies

#### Statutory

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Julie Rogers (JRo) – Chair	Director of Environment, Highways and Counter Fraud, TBC	Apologies
Stuart Hooper (vice chair)	Essex Police DCHSUPT	Attended
Cllr R Gledhill	Portfolio Holder	Apologies
Cllr G Collins	Member for Police Fire Crime Panel	Apologies
Cllr J Redsell	Chair of Cleaner, Greener, Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Attended in part
Mark Barber	District Commander	Attended
Russell Freeman	ECFRS	Attended
Ian Adams	ECFRS	Attended
Cheryl Wells	Emergency Planning, Resilience and Community Safety	Attended
Katie Castle	CRC	
Karen Grinney	NPS	Attended
Stephen Mayo	CCG	Apologies
Winnie Blackwell	CCG – covering from Stephen Mayo	Attended

#### Non Statutory

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Jo Broadbent	Director Public Health	Attended
Bosa Osunde	Safeguarding Adults	Apologies
Malcolm Taylor	Children's Services, TBC	Attended
Clare Moore	Strategic Lead, CSC	Apologies
Tracey John	Assistant Director – Housing	Attended
Kev Malone	Public Health / Thurrock DAAT	Attended
Howard Oldstein	Centre Director, Lakeside shopping centre	Attended
Jason Read	YOS	Attended
Greg Myddleton	OPFCC	Apologies
Kristina Jackson	CVS	Apologies
Sheila Coates	SERICC	Attended
Ranjit Praim-Singh	DWP	Apologies

### 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>
Terry Fisher	CPT Inspector	Attended for item 2.3

1.1 Attendees were reminded of confidentiality and disclosure agreement

1.2 Items for urgent AOB:

- Safer Streets

## **2. Minutes**

2.1 Minutes from 18/03/21

Stuart Hooper

Approved as a true record and agreed to publish

2.2 Outstanding Actions

Michelle  
Cunningham

Updates are recorded on action log

2.3 Matters Arising

Terry Fisher

TF shared response plan to motorbike nuisance:

- Op Caesar – targeted approach to off road vehicle ASB
- Uplift in amount of these types of offences
- Discussion paper submitted with ideas for quad bikes has passed first step, now need to submit full business case
- Need to ensure officers are available to deal with these issues as restrictions ease and weather warms up
- Looking to proactively patrol the top 5 hotspot areas for motorbike nuisance
- Seeking to work closer with council to look at parking of vans that bring bikes into Thurrock
- Could look at PSPO's for areas of most concern however the operation is fluid as the bikers often move areas
- Statistical analysis in May showed slight decrease in reports made
- Aiming for weekend coverage for Op Caesar every weekend

## **3.0 Performance**

3.1 Essex Police Crime Performance Report – attached **RESTRICTED**

Mark Barber

- All crime down on last year
- Sexual offences have increased – children and young people coming out of lockdown and starting to report non-recent crimes

- e.g. domestic abuse, sexual offences etc
- ASB increased – COVID breaches were recorded as ASB and has also been a high level of nuisance vehicle reports
  - West LPA has the lowest ASB compared to other LPA's in Essex
  - Funding from Home Office to deliver hotspot policing – specific plans in place to patrol hotspot areas identified through data
  - Disruptor teams now fully operational
  - Secured funding through Safer Streets project to improve CCTV and lighting in hotspot areas

3.2 Essex Police Perception Data – shared Mark Barber

For every area that has improved, the figures have at least doubled  
Seems that the public don't feel informed about what police are doing – may be due to decreased patrols by community teams due to COVID  
Hoping to improve by returning to community forums, increasing social media engagement and running street meets, pop ups and bringing small focus groups into the police station to increase engagement  
KM asked about sample size?  
MB Sample size is always consistent and data is gathered by a statistical expert so is reliable

3.3 Incidents of note: Mark Barber

1. 3 stabbings within a week – 2 at Lakeside, 1 in Tilbury  
Stabbing at top of Grays High Street 3 weeks ago  
Have charged 2 individuals in relation to Tilbury incident  
Police presence significantly increased at Lakeside and still in place  
HO – 2 stabbings in 5 days made customers and shop staff nervous  
Knife arch was in place but closed Sunday night  
Would be helpful to get some feedback about what is going to be done going forward and not just have this knife arch on one occasion  
HO also requested info on arrests, causes, consequences etc as want to show a positive response rather than just being reactive to a bad situation  
**MB to feedback outcome of Lakeside incidents to HO**
2. Series of accosting's involving young females a few weeks ago, arrests made on same day
3. Couple of car cruise events, as well as Manorway SLH - pony trap racing

3.4 Post Covid restrictions impact Mark Barber

Euro football starting soon  
Increased policing of busy spaces such as Lakeside, bars, pubs and clubs

- 3.5 Situational briefing: Organised Immigration Crime (OIC) Stuart Hooper  
Confidential briefing provided to Board  
Secured funding for another year for OIC to be based out of Thurrock, force is investing in investigators based out of Grays to investigate OIC  
SH requested that MDS and HT priority be amended to include OIC in line with national view and reflect work locally AGREED
4. **Police, Fire, Crime Commissioner Update**
- 4.1 PFCC Panel update Michelle Cunningham  
New panel member is Cllr Collins appointed at Full Council 26/05/21
- OPFCC Office update (provided by Greg Myddleton)  
Roger Hirst re-elected for next 5 years  
Reviewing police crime plan and will be coming to partners for feedback soon
5. **Priority 2: Tackling Violence and Vulnerability** Gang Related Violence
- 5.1 Essex VVU Report Michelle Cunningham  
Summarised within item 5.2
- 5.2 Report on response to Violence & Vulnerability in Thurrock Michelle Cunningham  
MC talked through draft report on response to violence and vulnerability in Thurrock which seeks to pull together the work going on both locally and Essex wide to tackle identified issues.  
Essex is one of 18 areas identified for Home Office Serious Violence Fund with aim to decrease the risk of young vulnerable people being exploited and reduce hospital admissions and non-domestic homicides  
Response to this locally is structured around the 2020 APHR on Serious Youth Violence and Vulnerability which identified 4 workstreams:
- Surveillance
  - Primary prevention
  - Secondary prevention
  - Tertiary prevention
- Thurrock Violence & Vulnerability board convened to bring together and represent key areas and boards. The first meeting is to be chaired next week by Dr Jo Broadbent and will report direct to this Board with links across YCGB, LSCLP, Brighter Futures and Health and Wellbeing.  
MC talked through the 3 localities identified for priority work and the risk terrain modelling work.  
The CSP receive the contextualised safeguarding report and have responded to concerns in community.  
MC updated on the successful bid for Safer Streets funding to target Grays  
MC updated on some of the key activity in place and planned across the workstreams  
JR updated on the protocol developed in 2019 regards knives in schools

The most vulnerable and at risk children are often excluded from school and then have to go to Olive Academy (PRU) with others most at risk Aim is to keep them in mainstream school and put in knife interventions etc instead of automatically excluding them and sending them to Olive Academy

Attending schools' safeguarding meetings to try to promote again Have had 2 cases recently where protocol has been used to positive effect at panel

MT – have taken protocol to both primary and secondary panels to filter throughout the school as may not be communicated down from the head teachers

JR – Reachable/teachable moments from funding from VVU. Young people have moments of clarity when something happens e.g arrested for PWITS or have been stabbed and can be referred to Ceryl for her to go to speak to them

**MB to link in with Mark Bain (custody officer across Thurrock) regards refreshing/reiterating reachable moments offer as not getting as many referrals at the moment**

Considering applying to VVU for 6 month project worker to pull all strands together

Concerns raised in relation to C2C and train stations

JR – suggested having someone from BTP on the CSP Board?

SH – can provide info needed unless tactical

MC – BTP are well engaged through the Operational GRV and tasking and suggested could invite to V&V Board

HO - Lakeside unfortunately suffers at times with ASB issues and truancy throughout the week, so my plan as I have done elsewhere would be for my security manager to visit specific schools on their return in September setting out our behavioural protocols, to offset safety/theft issues for our customers and retailers. He asked if this was something we could work together on to identify the prevalent schools etc, working in partnership to combat some of the issues that affect Lakeside?

**MB to work with HO and CSEO's to link up with schools on this issue**

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| 5.3 | <p><u>Report of YOS, including Youth Justice Plan</u> - attached</p> <p>JR talked through the performance report and the Youth Justice Plan which has 6 key priorities – 1<sup>st</sup> is Violence and Vulnerability</p> <p>JR - can circulate the report after this meeting – majority covered in V&amp;V report</p> | Jason Read                  |
| 5.4 | <p><u>Rapid review in response to stabbing incident</u></p> <p>Serious incident 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at Blackshots field where a 15 year old boy was stabbed by a 14 year old boy</p> <p>Police arrested him quite quickly, appeared in Youth Court and was</p>  | Stuart Hooper<br>Jason Read |

subsequently remanded

Found guilty at trial of GBH section 18 with intent and possession of bladed article

Case adjourned until 15th June for sentencing at Crown Court

YOS currently writing pre-sentence report

LSCP completed rapid review as a result – all agencies who are/were working with the perpetrator met to discuss what work has been done  
Rapid review held 13<sup>th</sup> April, good attendance and reports received from all agencies. Outcome was that it didn't meet the criteria for a local child safeguarding practice review (serious case review) however there were some actions and recommendations:

1. Thematic review on serious youth violence and gang related crime by independent author
2. Deep dive in to case by independent quality assurance professional

SH – main thing is looking at precursor events at schools and the interactions

Likely to have had a bigger persona online at home during lockdown and now trying to live up to it in school

**To report back to this board on progress of thematic review**

## **6. Priority 1: VAWG**

### **6.1 Male Violence and Abuse on Women, Synergy report and draft response**

Sheila Coates

Briefing paper circulated widely across Essex

Positive feedback – went to CEO's MP's, safeguarding leads etc

Home Office released Everyone's Invited and VAWG Call for Evidence following Sarah Everard sexual murder – received 180,000 responses to the call for evidence with the majority from women and girls

Government will use feedback to influence their VAWG strategy

Most murders of women are referred to as kidnaps or murders in the media however majority are sexually abused before they are murdered but it is never actually acknowledged

Rape mentioned in Sarah Everard case which is one of the first times the media have highlighted this

39 other murders of women since Sarah Everard in the UK and 2 murders of UK women abroad

Sexual violence was discussed as a gender neutral thing however realistically most victims are women and the perpetrators men so now being called male violence against women and girls as need to consider who the victims and perpetrators are

Key ministers linked to Home Office and PFCC now using this terminology

Sexual violence often present in domestic abuse – many victims are raped during periods of DA

Homeless people and alcohol abusers have often been the victim of child sexual abuse or rape as an adult and the majority are women

Recording child sexual abuse (CSA) in local authorities doesn't really happen, and whilst CSPs look at police data as about 83% isn't reported this isn't giving us a true picture

CSP mainly work with police however other services e.g. SERICC, are more aware of this type of incident as majority of victims don't report to police

Briefing paper has 6 asks and each has recommendations of what action can be taken

SERICC is now the lead partner of SYNERGY Essex rape crisis

Thurrock is one of the few places that look into sexual violence all the time:

- Sexual violence and abuse JSNA is unique to Thurrock
- Funding provision from Thurrock Council to SERICC, doesn't happen in any other parts of Essex or the country
- Very few CCG's give funding to rape crisis centres

SH – may be useful to have quarterly monitoring data that SC provides to PFCC at this board

National Police Chiefs Council will soon be sharing 5 points about keeping females safe

Richard Melton keen to engage with SC regards Synergy report and app for reporting

SC Women and girls were very keen to report to everyone's invited website so definitely an appealing way of reporting

Partners to respond to SC on the 6 questions regards work we are doing – MC to send form to all and collate

Sheila to provide quarterly data performance report to this board

## 7. **Priority 5: Counter Extremism & Terrorism**

### 7.1 Situational Risk Assessment

Cheryl Wells

Confidential briefing based on eastern region quarter 4 counter terrorism local profile provided

Threat remains substantial with no greater risk to Thurrock than any other areas

SH – local college run a course that links to this

MT – can encourage college and the young people to get involved

## 8. **Report of Thurrock DAAT**

Kev Malone

Additional funding received from central government used to set up criminal intervention team with DAAT team – stronger links with prisons and police with bespoke case load of those known for offending

Op Cloud – no referrals for intervention yet

KM explained that this is where people known to county lines etc can be referred into local support for treatment – managed by police who refer to local treatment services

SH – new Home Office drugs strategy about to be launched

**9. Delivering Safer Communities**

9.1 Probation changes

Karen Grinney

CRC transitioning back into NPS on 26<sup>th</sup> June and will be known as 'The Probation Service'

Shirley Kennerson is leaving, Martin Lucas will be new head of South Essex for probation service

Attendance at external meetings will be shared between current CRC and NPS officers for Thurrock

Ministry of Justice have given money for schemes and support

First 4 to focus on are accommodation, education training and employment, women, and personal wellbeing – no timescales as yet  
2 contact centres in Thurrock will remain

Current base is Laindon with safe rooms etc

1<sup>st</sup> change will be blended caseloads within 3 months as CRC deal with very different cases to NPS so need to adapt to types of cases

Still working with highly complex releases e.g. life licenses etc

MoJ updated research into work done with sex offenders across all types of sexual offences

All NPS officers have completed 7 day e-learning training and 4 face to face days across a month on sex offenders and all CRC officers moving over will have to complete this before working with sex offenders

Will continue to have the sexual offenders programme team

Now have specialist programme for men with learning difficulties which is easier for those to understand and has commenced last week

People committing certain types of offences aren't able to access sex offender treatment programmes so MoJ has developed a toolkit to support those people

Prisoners with 10 months or less left get a prison offender manager to discuss release and getting services, work, accommodation etc in place

SC – have problems with young boys under 16 who show sexual behaviours which could/will develop and eventually lead to them going to prison so need a pathway for them

**JR to contact Sheila to discuss the pathway and processes for young people who commit or are likely to be involved in sexual offences**

9.2 Information Sharing Agreements

Michelle  
Cunningham

Will be amended to reflect probation merging and will be coming to statutory partners to sign and then out to all other partners

9.3 Review of CSP meetings

Michelle  
Cunningham

Questionnaire came out for partners to feedback on the meetings they attend and their thoughts on the frequency and length of the meetings

Currently council meeting are directed to continue to be virtual

SH – would suggest face to face once a year to be able to develop working relationships and meet new partners



- 10. Finance Update** Michelle Cunningham  
Report to PFCC – shared for board awareness  
Breaks down how funding was spent last year and how it has been allocated for this year  
Still £18000 to allocate – offer to Mark for cruisers/Op Caesar  
SC asked about funding for training and MC confirmed £4k had been allocated but more could be made available if required
- 11. Future Agenda Items** ALL  
See table below  
**Agenda item for Sheila to present quarterly PFCC data and feedback on the asks from the Synergy report**
- 12. AOB** ALL  
**SC to discuss with MB awareness raising and how to get the message out about Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence**  
  
SH – no ECFRS lead for Safer Streets work yet  
RF – propose Donna Bentley, safeguarding lead, as will be able to allocate relevant person  
  
SH – work on Lower Thames crossing continues regards the build, prebuild, protests/criminality etc  
MC suggested she include in Exec agenda where risks are monitored  
  
SH – pony trap racing, request for partners to report anything related as building an intel picture  
CW – traffic regulation order on the Manorway can be enforced if needed  
Would like to go further on preventative measures – last operation was very effective but very costly for both police and council so not sustainable  
**CW to arrange meeting to discuss**  
SH – have seen wide cattle grids in other locations. CW – not feasible for the Manorway  
  
Fire Update  
No significant incidents of note  
Incidents down 15%  
Increase in last month, most around RTC's – expected due to more people going out  
Were ASB issues in South Ockendon but decrease in last 3 months  
Community safety initiatives fully restarting 14<sup>th</sup> June  
Safe, Well and Secure events working with CSEO's and CSP team for a joint approach to keep community safe  
Developing strategy for supporting community at Buckles Lane  
1. Strategic cell with Thurrock Council

2. Tactical cell part of Blue Lights working group which can discuss day to day issues e.g. drains, council tax recovery and input from public health

To include ECFRS update as standing agenda item

SC – are fire service still going into schools talking about relationships etc?

RF – can discuss outside of the meeting or at next Board – to contact SC to discuss what we would like to see

Future agenda item for fire service to present on work in schools and include CYP officer work aswell

<b>Meeting Dates</b> 2pm to 4:30pm	<b>Items for Discussion</b>
10 June 2021	Contribution to H&WB Strategy 21/26 – Darren Kristiansen Link to Brighter Futures Priority 2: Violence and Vulnerability – gang related violence Feedback from Insp Fisher on approach to nuisance motorbikes Youth Justice Plan refresh 21/24
23 September 2021	Priority 5: Counter Extremism progress Information Sharing protocol review
16 December 2021	