

Minutes

Thurrock Community Safety Partnership Strategic Board
16 December 2021
2pm to 4:45pm 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	Attended
Stuart Hooper (vice chair)	Essex Police DCHSUPT	Apologies
Cllr R Gledhill	Portfolio Holder	Apologies
Cllr G Collins	Member for Police Fire Crime Panel	Apologies
Cllr J Redsell (JRe)	Chair of Cleaner, Greener, Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Attended
Mark Barber	District Commander	Apologies
Terry Fisher	Inspector Community Safety	Attended
Russell Freeman	ECFRS	Attended
Ian Adams	ECFRS	Apologies
Cheryl Wells	Emergency Planning, Resilience and Community Safety	Attended
Martin Lucas	The Probation Service	Apologies
Stephen Mayo	CCG	Apologies

Non Statutory

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

Invited

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Matthew Hill	ECFRS	Attended
Priscilla Tsang	VAWG Coordinator	Attended in part

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

1.1 Attendees were reminded of confidentiality and disclosure agreement

1.2 Items for urgent AOB
None noted

2. Minutes

2.1 Minutes from 23/09/21

Julie Rogers

SC raised following questions:

3.1 Stated increase in overall sexual offences no specific reasons why – requested a future agenda to look into further. This was agreed and actioned.

3.4 Changes in hate crime recording, gender/ sex is now being reported – how does community know what this means and how to use it?

TF awaiting outcome of national meeting and will update.

Approved as a true record and agreed to publish

2.2 Outstanding Actions

Updates are recorded on action log

2.3 Matters Arising

None

3.0 Performance and incidents of note

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

Terry Fisher

- Starting to see a decrease in ASB – likely to be due to less people reporting COVID breaches
- Violence without injury down 4.5%
- Stalking and harassment increased by up to 21% - likely to be attributed to increase in domestic related offences during COVID lockdowns
- Burglary down 17.3%
- Theft from vehicles down 8%
- Increase of 70.9% in high risk domestic violence scenarios, we are

seeing more accurate risk grading's from DA teams dealing with incidents

- Hate crime increased 22% with additional 93 offences compared to same period last year – no specific concerns regards locations or victims. Hate crime increase seems to be due to increased confidence in reporting.

MT – can we look into whether this is definitely the case?

TF – provided explanation and reassurance that data is reviewed monthly to look for trends etc. and if anything is identified, Hate Crime Officers individually assess the crimes that have been reported to identify trends.

3.2 Incidents of note

Terry Fisher

1. Protests at Tilbury Amazon warehouse.
17 individuals arrested.
Grays CID continue to investigate.
Looking to charge all individuals with relevant offences.
2. Lakeside power outage.
Full evacuation of shopping centre.
Distress caused to many involved.
Additional distress as jewellery stores have smoke screens which caused panic.
Chief officer team meeting with reps from UK Power Network to understand what has happened and the likeliness of reoccurring
HO – generators kicked in for only safety systems such as fire alarms
If it was a fire alarm, lifts would ground and barriers raise but as was a power outage lifts were stuck between floors and barriers stuck down
Fire evacuations are done zonally but full evacuation is extremely rare
3. Protest outside Civic Offices regarding Thameside Theatre.
Went smoothly, CPT in attendance.
4. Aveley sexual assaults.
Series of very concerning incidents.
Young girl accosted by man on bike, tried to pull into woods, when dark.
Suspect, matching same description, sexually assaulted female on Aveley High Street through inappropriate touching. Another identical incident a few hours later.
Covert operation ran by TCT and Disruptor Team patrolling in plain clothes.
Sgt identified a male matching description stopped him, questioned where he had been and arrested.
Following offences, searched property and found bike and items

linked to offences and was then positively identified by one of the victims.

Lead Officer for case is reviewing similar previous incidents in Thurrock to understand whether suspect was involved.

- 3.3 Public Perception Survey Terry Fisher
Confidence in local policing increased from 62% to 73%.
- 3.4 Concerns in relation to Lakeside Howard Oldstein
HO explained that ASB was a significant concern, there has been positive work with police to mitigate risks of ASB, unlikely that ASB will completely stop.
Police identified certain periods of time where ASB increased, e.g. end of lockdowns, school holidays and young people from both Thurrock and London visiting to hang around and cause nuisance.
Running operation from 15th December into the new year with increased police presence.
Lakeside Security Manager and police going into schools to talk about impact of behaviour on the centre etc.
TF - Work with BTP and met police to identify more problematic individuals, police officers have been assaulted dealing with incidents on site.
JR – recently had new people coming into YOS with offences at Lakeside, specific group of girls, propose to make them subject to acceptable behaviour contracts in relation to behaviour at Lakeside, to introduce restrictions and minimise risks of their behaviour.
- HO shared contact for Jason to liaise with.
HO advised he had met with Cllr Gledhill and that Lakeside are looking at restorative justice measures.
4. **Police, Fire, Crime Commissioner Update**
- 4.1 Item deferred due to apologies.
5. **Priority 1: Violence Against Women and Girls**
- 5.1 SERICC data report Sheila Coates
Rebekah Brant
- Worked with 503 individuals in Thurrock in last financial year
 - 67 were family members
 - 44 individuals waiting for specialist counselling
 - Youngest service user was 4 years old and oldest was 84 years old
 - At beginning of last financial year had 17 male and 175 female service users and throughout the year had 32 new male, 276 new female and 3 new other service users
 - Data also provided in relation to gap between reporting to SERICC and police and into perpetrators in a position of trust
- Cllr Redsell requested more detail as Corporate Parent into where perpetrators were adoptive parents/carers

RB to break data down into parent, step-parent and adoptive parent for Cllr Redsell.

JRo asked about gap in reporting and why?

RB worked with national victims commissioner to analyse data and review reasons for not reporting to police.

23-25% didn't report due to fear of privacy and disclosure incidents e.g. didn't want mobile phone taken, didn't want counselling or social care records.

Other reasons such as fear of reprisals, fear of being judged etc.

Full report available at:

<https://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/victcomm2-prod-storage-119w3o4kq2z48/uploads/2019/08/OVC-analysis-victims-complaints-withdrawal.pdf>

SC explained that SERICC is lead partner of Synergy Essex and that they work with government partners.

Deputy Prime Minister, Dominic Raab, visited SERICC on 8th December as part of the consultation into the new Victims Law.

She explained that there will be opportunity to reduce trauma experienced by victims going through criminal justice process.

5.2 Response to Synergy report

Sheila Coates

Responses seemed to be provided by heads of departments with a wide understanding of sexual violence, or those who wanted to know more.

Need to ensure that everyone knows what their responsibility and interest is – corporate ownership of Sexual Violence/Abuse is required.

SC explained that there is minimal data available about sexual violence in Domestic Abuse situations.

SERICC keep all data but need to look at how Council holds and retains data.

Need to ensure everyone has a voice regards highlighting what training is needed.

Can take forward through VAWG strategic board and JSNA.

Suggestion of sexual violence lead in each department to look into.

SC noted Essex has no sexual violence and abuse profiling at all, very positive that Thurrock has.

SG – most things are on radar and particularly looking at corporate wide knowledge/awareness of sexual violence etc.

Cllr Redsell thanked Sheila for work being done and lots to consider, she also acknowledged we need to do more.

SC offered to present data to Cllrs to raise awareness?

JRo to pick up with Cllr Gledhill as portfolio holder meeting to seek agreement and take forward.

MT – commented that when we get data from schools, we need it from all schools, so they don't feel singled out.

SC – new report from Childrens Commissioner regarding access to

pornography, important this is shared with all partners and community. Need to teach about these things from as young as age 8 to prevent. TF – shift towards re-education of society as a whole is a major challenge on a national scale – e.g. educating males around level of respect. He added UK is one of the most multicultural places to live so many different views on treatment of individuals, sexual violence, etc. MT commented it would be good to raise the issues discussed by the Children's Commissioner re pornography with the LSCP, linked to the e safety work and take it to the Safeguarding Leads meeting.

5.3 Update report on delivery of priority

Priscilla Tsang

The DA Needs Assessment was circulated prior to the meeting.

PT provided updates in relation to:

- Home office opened VAWG Call for evidence Dec 2020, reopened following death of Sarah Everard which received an unprecedented 180,000 responses
- At least 129 women have been killed by a man so far in 2021
- Acknowledged there is an epidemic of violence against women and girls
- Essex has new VAWG force lead
- Government requested Ofsted to undertake rapid review of sexual violence
- 54,000 testimonies from individuals regarding experiences they have had on “Everyone’s Invited” and 100,000 responses from communities regarding what they have experienced and witnessed
- First notification of a Domestic Homicide Review in Thurrock, been a legal requirement since 2011. Decided will be a joint review with Safeguarding Adults
- Housing Safeguarding Team now extended outreach to traveller community, as acknowledged is an underreported area
- Safer Streets community event held to launch 16 days of action
- Government recently introduced relationship education for primary schools and RSE for secondary schools. Awaiting update on where Thurrock schools and colleges are at with implementing the programme

6. Priority 4: Re-offending

6.1 Draft Local Plan to address

Agreed that the draft plan which was circulated to be added to by the CSP Executive and brought back to March Board for sign off.

7. Priority 5: Counter Extremism and Terrorism

7.1 Situational Risk Assessment

Cheryl Wells

Was provided by Cheryl Wells based on latest Counter Terrorism Local Profile.

Threat has been raised from substantial to severe meaning highly likely.

8. Health and Wellbeing

8.1 Domain 6 Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Sareena Gill

Currently out to consultation, opened in October and due to end 3rd December, extended until end of December to give more time for contribution.

Statutory duty to complete a H&WB Strategy.

Need to address residents' concerns and work with stakeholders.

Hoping to have final strategy signed off by domain authors and leads by March, Full Council sign off in June and launch in July 2022.

Consultation is available on Have my Say portal.

Working with local CVS and Healthwatch to encourage community contribution to the consultation.

Structured around 6 domains, each linking to the Council's 3 key priorities of People, Place and Prosperity:

1. Quality care centred around the person
2. Staying healthier for longer
3. Building strong and cohesive communities
4. Opportunity for all
5. Housing and the environment
6. Community Safety

Domain 6 priorities were put together by a small task and finish group.

1. Enable all children to live safely in their communities – links to Brighter Futures
2. Reduce local levels of crime which will result in fewer victims of crime and make Thurrock a safer place to live – links to contextual safeguarding
3. Improve the local response to supporting victims/survivors of crimes to improve their health and wellbeing – understanding effects on all aspects of life and future, ensure victims have all info needed to report and seek help if/when they want to
4. Work in partnership to prevent and deter crime with a focus on those with increased risk of experiencing crime – focus on VAWG but also recognising men and boys can be victims, closing gap between children and adult services and transition period between age 16-25

9. Delivering Safer Communities

9.1 ECFRS Update

Matthew Hill

MH explained his role as lead for provision in education:

- Collaboration between Essex Police and Essex County Fire and Rescue Service since 2016
- Deliver joint messages and have a dual badged uniform
- Set up a Police and Fire Education Steering Group in 2021
- Moved online due to COVID and since Sep 2021 deliver a blended approach – Online Education Hub, Virtual delivery of programmes via Zoom and some face to face
- Deliver various education programmes for schools including Home

and cyber safety, arson, road safety, healthy relationships, knives and gangs, hate crime, summer safety and firework/Halloween safety

- Of the Essex offer for Sept 20 - Sept 21, Thurrock received 10.1% of arson and Hoax Call programmes, 12% of knife crime, 21.4% of gang awareness and 17.9% of hate crime offers
- Essex delivered the healthy relationships programme to 1584 individuals but 0 individuals in Thurrock received

SG asked if all schools were offered all programmes.

MH – all schools are offered and signposted to the hub with information on all programmes so likely that schools didn't take offer due to covid restrictions etc.

SC – commented need to be mindful of hate crime terminology and consistent messaging of new characteristic of sex (slide said gender).

Cllr Redsell – could be more positively focused rather than on all negatives and asked if young people actually take in and engage with the programmes?

MH – deliver both positive and negative messages regards what not to do but also how to be positive and have fun. He added the children fill out questionnaires to check their knowledge and teachers provide feedback on the programmes delivered

MC – may be worth linking to Essex V&V as they have info on localities.

MH added we just had a really positive Firebreak intervention with Olive Academy with 10 of their students last week.

Also respond to issues locally – for example, the young boy that sadly died at Lakeside in the water. By going into schools and community, checking their welfare and providing information to prevent something like this reoccurring in the future.

JRo – said would be good to bring Youth Council into this work and contacts shared.

SC to contact MH with questions regards engagement of young people with the offer in relation to healthy relationships.

Cllr Redsell – many young people don't understand the risk around the River Thames and we need to do more to raise awareness.

More information at: Education Hub (essex-fire.gov.uk)

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| 9.2 | <p><u>Proposed Task and Finish Group 'Drivers of Violence'</u>
Will be handed over to Chief Superintendent Jenny Barnett.
JRo will propose that a subgroup be set up to take forward and include health colleagues.</p> | Matthew Hill |
| 9.3 | <p><u>Crime Prevention Plan and Safer Streets Event</u>
Mark Barber sent apologies there is no update provided but Crime Prevention Plan has been shared.
MC provided update on Safer Streets work in Grays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street lighting on track for March, CCTV, and solar lighting • 25th November Safer Streets event – engaged with around 2,000 | Michelle Cunningham |

- commuters and local people and gave out 800 personal alarms
- CSEOs and new Community Enforcement Engagement Officers doing really positive proactive work
 - Shop safe radios have had excellent feedback from all involved
 - Local Policing Support Unit organising a day of action each month across districts – piloting at Lakeside in January to tackle knife crime, gangs and cruisers into the evening

Cllr Redsell – would like to roll LPSU work out across other wards when able to.

9.4 Priority Setting 2022/2023

MC shared draft priorities for comment.

Cllr Redsell would like to incorporate e-scooters into motorbike priority.

SC – nationally, DA has been separated from VAWG so may need to review based on this and when can we comment on priorities?

JRo – advised to feedback via email to MC who will collate responses and suggestions.

Michelle
Cunningham

10. Future Agenda Items

See table below

MC will take forward Draft Local Plan with Mark Barber as Chair of Exec and bring back for sign off.

ALL

11. Any other business

Julie Rogers requested Terry Fisher to thank Stuart Hooper for good work for the CSP and will write to him as Chair to thank.

Julie Rogers personally and on behalf of the CSP thanked Jason Read for all work for the CSP across the years.

ALL

Meeting Dates	Items for Discussion
2pm to 4:30pm	
March 2022	Sign-off Strategic Assessment for 2021 Sign-off Delivery Plan 2021/22 LSCP Thematic Review – Priscilla Bruce-Annan Sign-off Re-offending Action Plan
June 2022	
September 2022	
December 2022	