



York & North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum

EDITION 3 – JULY 2009

NORTH YORKSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY AGREEMENT (CSA) 2009/10

At its meeting on 11 June the Safer Communities Forum (the Forum) adopted the Community Safety Agreement for 2009/10. This agreement provides the strategic direction for the Forum for the next year.

The Safer Forum priorities, which have emerged following a partnership event in May, and from the findings of the 7 district based JSIAs, are now agreed for the next year. They are:

- Antisocial Behaviour
- Domestic violence
- Violent crime
- Public perception/confidence (fear of crime)
- Road traffic accidents

The Forum will also ensure that drug and alcohol misuse issues are considered throughout all of these priority areas when planning initiatives. These priorities will be coordinated at County level, with a set of high level actions aimed at ensuring improvements in outcomes in these specific themes.

The CSA, along with an executive summary, will be published on the NYSP website.

For further information on the Community Safety Agreement please contact **Lesley Dale on 01609 533487** or email Lesley.dale@northyorks.gov.uk

NORTH YORKSHIRE LAA – QUARTER 4 PERFORMANCE UPDATE

The North Yorkshire LAA contains 10 Safer Communities indicators, broadly falling into the following themes:

- Violent Crime
- Anti Social Behaviour
- Re offending
- Domestic Violence
- Young Offenders
- Road Traffic Accidents
- Substance Misuse

Progress to date

Three of the ten targets are exceeding the target namely:

- NI47 People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents.
- NI20 Assaults with less serious injury.
- L60 Reduce the Incidence of Violent Crime.

Five of the ten targets do not have numerical data available within Q4 as they were part of the refresh target setting process or as in the case of NI 30, Re offending rate of prolific and other priority offenders, there is a significant delay in data being available.

NI19 - Rate of proven re-offending by young offenders aged 10 – 17 causes some concern. There may be a number of factors that are affecting the performance against this target, some of which are outside the control of the Forum and its member agencies. On 11 June 2009, the Forum agreed to set up a small multi-agency officer group to look at this target performance in detail.

Following consultation between YOT and Children and Young Peoples Service NI 45, 'Young Offenders engagement in suitable education, training and employment', has been transferred to the management of the Children's Thematic Partnership.

ALCOHOL JOINT COMMISSIONING GROUP

During 2008/9 the Alcohol Co-ordinating group has undertaken research into mapping alcohol services across North Yorkshire and the establishment of an Alcohol Joint Commissioning group which is chaired by George Lee of NHS North Yorkshire & York.

The role of the Joint commissioning group is to establish clear & comprehensive multi agency contract specifications for adult alcohol services to ensure that there is equity of access and outcomes for all patient/clients. The group will work with providers of services to ensure best value is achieved and it is important to stress that where any agency or partnership wish to spot purchase for their area it is channelled through the joint commissioning group. George Lee can be contacted at George.Lee@nyypct.nhs.uk or on 01845 573908.

VIOLENT CRIME

The Tackling Violent Crime JCG continues its focus on Scarborough which still has the highest violent crime rate in North Yorkshire, more than double the county average per 1000 population.

The CDRP, District Council are working hard with the JCG to make effective use of the Night Marshall's initiative as well as a pilot that will focus on providing Alcohol Treatment Referrals for violent crime offenders with a link to alcohol, domestic abusers and Prolific Offenders. Evaluation of the established Selby Night Marshall scheme has identified the key elements of success that has helped it reduce violence, damage and other crime while increasing public confidence, evidence through the perception surveys conducted.

For further information contact Chief Inspector Nick Warnes on 0845 6060247.

SINGLE CONFIDENCE TARGET

From March 2009 the only national police target is to increase public confidence by 15%. Home Office figures show that confidence levels currently vary across the Country, with the latest national average at 46%. The new national target is 60%. The target does not however relate only to 'The Police' but to all those involved in Community Safety and particular local councils. The actual survey question asked is about "the police and local council working in partnership to deal with anti-social behaviour and crime in your local area" and measures the % of responses that 'strongly agree' or 'tend to agree' that they are so dealing with these issues.

For North Yorkshire this means:

- Baseline 50.8%
- End of March 2011 Target 58.8%
- End of March 2012 Target 62.8%

This 'confidence target' will be measured by the British Crime Survey (BCS). Whilst the target of a 12% increase over two years is clearly stretching it is amongst the lowest required, with other target increases up to 20.5% (South Wales). This is due to the relatively high level of current public confidence with North Yorkshire ranking 9th out of the 42 force areas.

On 11 June 2009 the Forum considered this target and has set up a task and finish group to map what agencies are currently doing, any plans that they have, what related data collection/monitoring already takes place and ideas to take this forward on a multi-agency basis.

For further information please contact Stuart Pudney on stuart.pudney@nyypa.gov.uk or tel:- 01765 641067

LOCAL CRIME & DISORDER COMMITTEES AND COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION

Part 3 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 was brought into effect from 1 May 2009. This introduces two significant new elements of local accountability namely:

- **Local Crime and Disorder Committees (Overview and Scrutiny Committees)**
- **Councillor Call for Action.**

Section 19 of the Act requires that all district councils, the City of York Council and the County Council have a 'crime & disorder committee' (an overview & scrutiny committee) with power:

"to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions to make reports or recommendations to the local authority with respect to the discharge of those functions".

The Guidance makes clear that the committees are to scrutinise the work of the partnership and the partners insofar as their activities relate to the partnership itself and that if issues arise which relate specifically to a particular partner organisation, it would be appropriate to refer such issues to the governing bodies of that organisation. These committees will be a part of each Local Authority, operating as overview & scrutiny committees in accordance with section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and as such membership will be the elected members from that Authority. However, regulations allow committees to co-opt other people as members or advisors, with or without voting (or limited) voting rights. The guidance emphasises the need, in 'two-tier areas' for co-ordination and co-operation so that agencies are not required to answer two or more separate crime and disorder committees on the same subject.

The regulations are not prescriptive about what the committee shall do except to say that it must meet 'to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions as the committee considers appropriate but no less than once in every twelve month period.' The guidance does set down key areas for scrutiny as:

- Policy development - including in-depth scrutiny reviews
- Contribution to the development of strategies
- Holding to account at formal hearings
- Performance management

Councillor Call For Action (CCfA)

Section 19 (3) of the 1996 Act introduces a new concept of local accountability namely 'Councillor Call for Action' (CCfA) for crime and disorder matters. This mirrors new provisions in the Local Government Act 2000 which relates to 'local government matters'. This gives the power to councillors to put issues on to the agenda of local crime and disorder committees, although it will be a matter for the committee to decide the extent to which such matters be investigated or discussed.

In addition to the Act and Regulations, the Home Office has issued guidance on the implementation of these provisions. <http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/regions/regions022.htm>

PARTNERSHIP'S £50,000 FUND TO FIGHT CRIME IN RICHMONDSHIRE

Crimefighting projects designed to make Richmondshire an even safer place have been given a £50,000 cash boost.

Richmondshire Community Safety Partnership (RCSP) has awarded grants to more than 30 schemes across the district that are working to tackle crime and disorder and to help keep Richmondshire safe. The grants come as new figures show that Richmondshire is still one of the safest parts of the country in which to live, with RCSP being rated as the second best performing partnership in the country when compared to its most similar partnerships. Schemes to benefit from the RCSP funding include:

- Volunteer watch schemes in both Wensleydale and Swaledale,
- A top-of-the-range youth "pod" (shelter) in Leyburn,
- Support for a rural crime initiative to help police tackle thefts from rural locations,
- Games nights in Colburn.

Liz Smith, Chair of RCSP, said: "These are challenging times, but we must continue to work together wherever we can to keep our communities safe. We must all support each other by being proactive in protecting our own property and being vigilant in our own neighbourhoods."

Inspector Ian Thompson, North Yorkshire Police's Richmondshire District Commander, said: "The bids submitted to the partnership are a clear sign that enthusiasm to support our Safer Neighbourhoods agenda is as strong as ever, and we look forward to seeing these projects make an impact over the next 12 months."

For more information about the work RCSP does to make Richmondshire safer, visit www.richmondshire.gov.uk/rcsp

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE NEW WEBSITE

North Yorkshire Police's website www.northyorkshire.police.uk now allows you to find out information about what each Safer Neighbourhood Team is doing; giving information on team members, events and meetings, local crime information and what is being done to tackle priorities within areas.

- **Team Details** - this gives a full list from Inspector through to PCSO, providing a photograph so you know what your local member looks like, which area/ward they cover and how they can be contacted.
- **Meet the Team / Events** - A calendar of events at which you can meet and discuss priorities with your team members
- **Local Priorities** - Each Inspector led team identifies 3 specific priorities and these are detailed alongside other areas of work
- **Actions and Consequences, We Asked, You Said, We Did** – This gives information on the work that the police are doing as well as that in partnership to tackle the priorities of an area.
- **Local Crime Information** - This provides a link to crime maps, monthly crime data at SNT level and is updated by Inspectors with information on the crimes that have occurred and what has happened to offenders
- **Crime Prevention Advice** - This page provides detail on preventing crime specifically tailored to the issues that are affecting your area
- **Useful Contacts** - Details of other organisations that may be able to help.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY : COMMUNITY SAFETY EVENT 'LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY' & HARROGATE COMMUNITY SAFETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Police Authority is hosting a community safety partner event on 'Local Accountability' on **23 September 2009** (venue to be advised). Keynote speakers will be Stephen Rimmer, the Director General, Home Office Crime & Policing Group and the Chief Constable.

The programme is planned to include:

- Public Confidence Target
- Local Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny and Councillor
- Call for Action
- The Policing Pledge
- the role of CDRPs
- The role of Councillors and community leaders.
- Community Engagement/involvement &, Neighbourhood Management.

Full details will be circulated in a couple of weeks but if in the meantime you want to register your interest (if only to make sure that you do get the details) the please contact Sally Dyer at the Police Authority sally.dyer@nypa.gov.uk tel: 01765 641839

HARROGATE DISTRICT SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Harrogate District Safer Communities Partnership will host its annual conference on **Tuesday 29th September** at the Pavilions, Yorkshire show ground Harrogate. This event will also include an interactive market place which will be open to the public. For more details please contact Andrea Hutton Safer Communities Project Officer Tel: 01423 551645 or andrea.hutton@harrogate.gov.uk

LOCAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (DATA HUB)

The NYSP partnership reaffirmed its commitment to developing a partnership wide 'data hub' at its Executive meeting on 30 April 2009. The Steering Group, which is currently reviewing its membership, and establishing a new Local Authority group, will now start to consider a detailed specification for the system, which will be termed a Local Information System. Key features to be included are:

- Shared data storage
- Links to partner web sites and an interface with performance monitoring
- An ability to map data and produce graphs and charts
- An 'easy access' public interface
- An ability to aggregate and disaggregate data and a wide range of analysis functions
- An ability to produce standard reports

We are still hopeful of obtaining financial support to develop the project from the Regional Improvement and Efficiency Programme (RIEP), however, the discussions at regional level as to how this should be taken forward are complex and may take time to resolve. In the meantime, North Yorkshire County Council has launched the 'Neighbourhood Profiles' on line: <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=9701>

There is shortly to be an upgrade in the software that supports this system, which will provide a better interactive graphical interface, and allow the incorporation of more data sets. Partners will therefore be asked, sometime over the Summer, which further data they would be willing to input into these profiles. When the LIS is established, the neighbourhood profile data will be transferred into it.

For further information contact Cathrine Hall on Cathrine.hall@northyorks.gov.uk or tel: 01609 533131

FAREWELL & GOOD LUCK

Liz Race, who was the PPO Coordinator for North Yorkshire has recently left this post to take up a management role within the North Yorkshire YOT. Liz worked tirelessly to support the effective implementation of the PPO Strategy in the county and her efforts contributed to the success of the Spotlight Project. This developed recently into the Integrated Offender Management Initiative (IOM) and Liz took up the reigns as the IOM Coordinator for a short time before she left. As ever her energy, enthusiasm and knowledge helped to lay the foundations of what is lining up to be a very effective way of working with offenders in a multi-agency way to reduce re-offending. Liz will be a loss to PPO/IOM in North Yorkshire but we will remain grateful for her contribution. **Good luck in the new job, Liz.**

**The next update will be published in December 2009
contributions from CDRPs and Joint Co-ordinating
Groups are welcomed.**

**For further information about the York & North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum
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