

Title: Community Safety - Update

Wards Affected: All

To: Health and Wellbeing Board **On:** 5th June 2014

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an update to the Health and Wellbeing Board on the work of the Stronger Communities Partnership, and identify the areas of work which impact on both boards.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The board to note the areas of common interest with the Stronger Communities Board and ensure that where possible both Boards work together to improve outcomes in these areas.

3. Supporting Information

- 3.1 The Stronger Communities Board includes the statutory Community Safety Partnership responsibilities. The Board produces a Torbay Strategic Assessment annually and contributes to a wider peninsula strategic assessment covering the Devon and Cornwall footprint. This Strategic Assessment identified the four key priority areas for Torbay as:

- Domestic Abuse (including sexual violence)
- Anti-social Behaviour
- Alcohol, violence and the night time economy
- Offending/Reoffending behaviour.

The Stronger Communities Board has agreed its commissioning activities with the Police and Crime Commissioner against these priorities and those outlined in the Police and Crime Plan. A programme of work is now in place to target interventions across Torbay.

The wider remit of the Board also encompasses a community development and engagement role. We have been supporting the Community

Development Trust to pursue the Big Lottery opportunity for “Ageing Better” funding.

Housing issues are a key determinant of health and one of the areas which is also within the remit of the Stronger Communities Board with the Housing Partnership group reporting in to it.

4. Relationship to Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

- 4.1 The Stronger Communities agenda cuts across a range of wider determinants of health and wellbeing, as detailed in the identified priorities of the Board. We provide needs and demand data from across the partnership to inform the JSNA and help provide a broader picture of the overall need in Torbay. The outcomes which the Board is delivering are aligned in many cases to the Public Health Outcomes Framework.

5. Relationship to Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

- 5.1 The Stronger Communities Board is aligned with the principles of promoting prevention, early intervention and targeted support. It has a firm understanding of Torbay’s population and its needs, and national and local trends and drivers and produces an annual strategic assessment on crime and disorder for the Bay. It is working to support the integration of services for children, public health and safer communities across its remit.

6. Implications for future iterations of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and/or Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

(i.e. Does anything need to change in future versions of the JSNA and/or JHWS as a result of what you’re asking the Board to do?)

- 6.1 We are currently in the process of reconfiguring services to support high and medium risk victims of domestic abuse through a joint commissioning process and are currently evaluating tenders for a new type service for victims and perpetrators. This will be for a two year period, however, thereafter the funding is not secure. A wider partnership approach across all those services impacted by domestic abuse will be required if this is to be sustainable.
- 6.2 The Probation Service is one of the statutory partners to the Community Safety Partnership. The Probation Service is changing nationally and the Ministry of Justice are currently recommissioning a new style of probation service under the banner of Transforming Rehabilitation. The outcomes of these changes will not be known until the end of this financial year but will change the way in which offenders are managed within the community.
- 6.3 New antisocial behaviour legislation is being implemented this year, and we are currently awaiting guidance on the new powers available to the police and council which will include a “community trigger” which will cross agendas of mental health and wellbeing, social isolation and crime and disorder. These will be implemented in accordance with the national legislation across the partnership.

- 6.4 As discussed at previous Health and Wellbeing Boards we are commencing a piece of work to investigate the issues with high strength alcohol in Torbay, and will report findings later in the year.
- 6.5 Housing issues are a key determinant of health and one of the areas which is also within the remit of the Stronger Communities Board. The Housing Partnership group reports into the Stronger Communities Board. This has links across a number of policy agendas including domestic abuse, offending/reoffending, homelessness, youth offending, supporting people, mental health, affordable housing and planning processes. Stable and safe accommodation is a critical element in supporting a wide range health, social care and rehabilitation needs, as well as being a basic prerequisite for life. An increased focus on housing and accommodation needs would be a welcome addition across the JSNA.

Appendices

Background Papers:

The following documents/files were used to compile this report:

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