

## **Key Points discussed**

### **Safer Oxfordshire Partnership (SOP) Co-ordination Group 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

#### **Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Community Safety Fund**

It was confirmed that the Oxfordshire grant agreement has been received by the PCC's office, but for one grant recipient. This will be completed by the end of the week and the grant agreement signed off.

#### **Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Updates**

Oxford City CSP presented their updated community safety plan. A priority issue for the partnership is tackling the negative street culture in the city and its links to exploitation, especially of young people. It is important to ensure that mental health is included as a key issue here. It was also noted that the new community safety portfolio holder for Oxford City is Cllr Tom Hayes.

The South and Vale CSP and West Oxfordshire CSP community safety plans were circulated for information. The Cherwell CSP plan has not yet been signed off.

#### **Alcohol & Drugs Partnership Annual Report 2016-17**

Nationally alcohol consumption is declining with the average consumption per head reducing in younger people. Concern remains with the consumption for men in their 40's and increasing levels of consumption by women.

There has been a significant improvement in people completing substance misuse treatment in Oxfordshire. Concerns remain around homeless people with mental health needs and substance dependencies. Work to tackle legal highs has now been embedded into business as usual practice.

#### **Proposal for a Strategic Approach to Exploitation**

It was agreed that it would be helpful to develop a strategic accountability framework for new areas of community safety work so that there is clarity in terms of how the work will be taken forward (i.e. strategic governance, delivery, reporting etc) and what success will look like. This approach needs to be person centred and will be piloted for one area of work through developing a series of questions to form an assurance framework. Once this has been completed it could provide an agreed approach for all partners to support.

#### **Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adult Board (OSAB)**

The Annual Report is being finalised and will be available soon.

Key headlines include a 40% increase in the number of safeguarding concerns being raised and a 28% rise in the number of those concerns resulting in a formal Section 42 taking place. The County Council is currently 90% compliant in 'making safeguarding personal' which means engaging the individual in their safeguarding planning. There are concerns about a rise in financial abuse and exploitation within

families. There has also been a rise in the number of domestic abuse related referrals, especially among older people.

The OSAB has three joint priorities with OSCB for the coming year:

- Training
- Tackling domestic abuse
- Transition from child to adult services

Healthwatch – a scheme which champions the voice of the consumer in health and social care services will be introduced in Oxfordshire.

### **Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (OXCB)**

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Key headlines include the development of the Neglect Practitioner Portal that will be available on the OSCB website from July 2017.

The priorities for 2017/19 include: developing the Board to improve effectiveness; collaborative work with the OSAB through the 3 joint priorities; community engagement to ensure local and community organisations are better engaged with the work of the Board; addressing neglect and introducing a neglect strategy; safeguarding adolescents at risk of exploitation; embedding learning into practice; assessing risk and capacity across the partnership.

### **Domestic abuse update**

As a joint priority for both OSAB and OSCB, a Domestic Abuse Summit was held in June to agree a vision and governance arrangements. Governance for domestic abuse will now sit with the Health Improvement Board, rather than the Safer Oxfordshire Partnership, to reflect the joint work with the safeguarding Boards and the strong emphasis on health in tackling domestic abuse.

The Health Improvement Board includes the Health Portfolio holder for each local authority and the Thames Valley Police representative will be invited to attend the discussion on domestic abuse.

The summit had also discussed co-commissioning with a view to gaining commitment to 3 year funding. This is a challenge as most partners manage annual budgets. Domestic abuse will remain on the agenda for the duration of the transition to the Health Improvement Board.