

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
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Democratic Services
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Chief Executive: Steven Phillips

Date: 16/07/20

Dear Member,

REGENERATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE - FRIDAY, 17TH JULY, 2020

Please find attached the following addendum reports/urgent items for consideration at the next meeting of the **Regeneration and Sustainable Development Scrutiny Committee - Friday, 17th July, 2020.**

Item

7. **Partnerships and Community Cohesion (Presentation)**
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Yours sincerely

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Partnerships & Community Cohesion

- Strategic Manager: Claire Jones
- Community safety team – Elinor Wellington
 - Antisocial Behaviour,
 - Community Cohesion,
 - Violence Against Women Domestic Abuse Sexual Violence
 - Independent Domestic Violence Advisors
- Business Crime Reduction Partnership
- Channel Panel and Prevent
- Area Planning Board, substance use commissioning team – Julia Jenkins
 - Service development and financial administration
 - Contract monitoring and review
 - Harm reduction
 - Case review coordinator (in respect of drug deaths)
 - Support to the APB
- PSB Support – Vanessa Dale
 - Organising & Providing support to the PSB

APB: 20/21 Performance Indicators

- **Number of APB commissioned substance misuse services successfully maintained in the year:**
 - Successfully submitted an expenditure plan for 20/21 to WG and the SMAF has been allocated.
 - WG have advised that the allocation should be flexible to be able to manage emerging priorities.
 - In the main the service profile has remained constant from 19/20.
 - The APB has considered a proposal to extend the low threshold prescribing service which would provide additional prescribing spaces in Neath Port Talbot.
- **Number of monitoring visits undertaken to APB commissioned substance misuse services:**
 - Due to the pandemic monitoring of quarter 1 services has been paired back as the team is unable to carry out visits to validate data.
 - Information will be obtained on the performance of services electronically and fed back to the Commissioning Finance and Performance Sub Group
- **Percentage of SMAF (Substance Misuse Action Fund) project plans produced and agreed by Welsh Government**
 - All of the project plans submitted to WG were approved for 20/21. The need to submit new projects will be managed throughout the year.

PIs, continued

- **Percentage of non-fatal over-doses notified through the protocol that received appropriate advice and or other intervention (baseline)**
 - Outreach services have been essential during the pandemic in ensuring that harm reduction services are provided to those who may have been self-isolating, shielding or homed in temporary accommodation.
 - The service has been providing naloxone, clean equipment and advice and guidance on a mobile basis. Outreach workers have also been carrying out on-site assessments to access services.
 - Outreach provision has been attempted to be provided to all of the non-fatal overdoses reported to the APB (some were not contactable, and some may have refused).
- **Percentage of SMAF (Substance Misuse Action Fund) grant utilised in the financial year**
 - As above, the full SMAF allocation has been approved by WG - the Team is envisaging some movement between service headings via slippage to accommodate changing priorities.
 - All funding will be fully utilised by the end of the financial year.

	Apr-Jun 2019	Apr-Jun 2020	Notes
Number of referrals into AADAS	165	64	Less in 2020
Number of clients supported	543	635	More in 2020. This is likely to be because there is a reduction in the number of people who are being discharged.
Number of people discharged with positive outcomes	170	82	Reduction in all discharges, which is likely to be why there is a reduction in positive discharges.
Number of new people in service	261	154	Less in 2020. Consistently more people new to service than the number referred to AADAS, indicating that people are going directly into services, without going through AADAS.
Total Drug Poisonings	2	0	
Non-Fatal Drug Poisonings:	1	22	To note here the increase is down to improved reporting/notifying structures
Needle Exchange Transactions	1672 (689)	991 (479)	Figures in brackets are unique clients
Naloxone Distribution	67 (236)	48 (231)	Figures in brackets are total kits given out across WB

APB, more generally

- Contract officer deployed to assist in the delivery of Safe and Well
- Team have worked really hard to ensure services continue to function and meet the needs of vulnerable service users.
- Maintaining APB meetings virtually via Teams
- Working with PCC and PHW to develop an integrated public health service model. Initial agreement has been obtained from the APB to go down this route.
- Asked all services to produce recovery plans which the APB will endorse.
- In contact with housing colleagues in relation to Phase II of the WG homelessness framework
- Continuing to work with Providers to deliver agile and responsive services

Community Safety: Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence

Revised 'Healthy Relationships for Stronger Communities' strategy approved by Cabinet, 25th June 2020

Awaiting approval from Health Board, due early August 2020

Draft Comms Plan in place, ready to launch the new strategy

VAWDASV Leadership Group has met and agreed some immediate priorities to take forward, until we can proceed with the whole strategy implementation

Communications & Engagement subgroup has met to discuss a new campaign to encourage victims to seek support #YouAreNotAlone

Community Safety: Independent Domestic Violence Advisors

A 40% increase in referrals during lockdown, when compared to this time last year. The violence in these cases has escalated far more quickly than what is 'typically' seen. Engagement with victims has greatly improved during lockdown, despite concerns that it may have been difficult.

The team have worked hard to mobilise the service, and maintain excellent standards, which has been a challenge given the home working arrangements.

The victims usually supported with the most complex needs, have not accessed the service as they usually do, there are a number of factors that could contribute to this. Court closures and limited housing allocations has resulted in cases being held open for longer than usual.

Concerns that there will be a surge in cases.

A business case is being prepared to look at increasing capacity within the team, due to concerns over a further spike in demand.

Community Safety: Anti-social Behaviour

During most of lockdown, ASB had not been prevalent

As restrictions have started to lift, we have seen an increase of incidents, raising particular concerns requiring a strategic response

Some incidents are Covid related; such as large gatherings on the seafront and Gnoll Park areas

An initial multi agency meeting has taken place, and an action plan has been developed, involving; local Cllrs, businesses, Housing Options and all key partner agencies

The ASB Coordinator will be conducting an analysis of ASB incidents and taking a more strategic approach as we go forward

The lack of Council staff presence within Neath Police Station, has had an impact on communication across this area, and we will prioritise the return of the ASB Coordinator to the station as a matter of urgency

Community Safety: Community Cohesion

During lockdown all awareness raising, community events and training had to be postponed

Weekly Tension Monitoring meetings with South Wales Police have continued;

- Black Lives Matters Protests were well attended, but calm and followed social distancing guidelines
- Local Chinese residents had reported verbal abuse during early lockdown but this has now stopped

Sharing of key messages on social media has continued throughout lockdown

New #NPTSharingFromHome campaign has started, which aims to encourage positive messaging and raise awareness of different cultures within our communities

Community Safety

Business Crime Reduction Partnership

With the reopening of non-essential retail, key messages have been shared to the network of businesses to help them with crime prevention

Officer linked in with ASB multi-agency meetings for intelligence sharing

Channel Panel

Channel Panel has met on 2 occasions since March

The panel discussed 2 ongoing cases and 4 new referrals

All are appropriately supported, and concerns are very low level

All are young males, most are on the Autistic Spectrum

Crucial Crew

Will be delivered but in a different way/time

Safe & Well

Most of the community safety staff were deployed to assist in the delivery of Safe and Well; now returning to substantive roles

PSB Coordinator

PSB Meetings

- PSB has continued to meet via TEAMS, meetings have been well attended
- The Board have agreed to lead on the multi-agency recovery planning for NPT. This will be informed by the Community Impact Assessment.

Community Impact Assessment

- Co-ordinator has helped to support this piece of work which has captured the impact on residents, businesses and communities due to Covid-19
- This work will be ongoing as the situation changes and develops
- The Coordinator will support the partnerships that will address the issues identified and ensure progress is captured and reported to the PSB

PSB Co-ordinator

PSB Annual Report

- All partners were given the opportunity to comment on the first draft.
- This is now being translated and formatted and will be published by the end of July 2020

PSB Regional Grant

- All documentation has been submitted and approved for 2019/20
- Welsh Government have confirmed they will not be providing the grant for 2020/21 but plan to reinstate it for 2021/22