

Minutes

Attending

- AG Abdul Ghaffar, Government Office for London Community Safety Division
- AW Anna Webster, NHS Richmond Joint Commissioning Manager for Substance Misuse
- CA Carole Atkinson, Community Police Partnership Chair
- CH Carol Hall, Richmond Housing Partnership
- DN David Noakes, LBRuT Community Safety Officer
- DW Cllr David Williams, LBRuT Cabinet Member for Communities
- GN Gillian Norton, Chair and LBRuT Chief Executive
- JB Julie Brownbridge, LBRuT Community Safety Officer and minute-taker
- KN Karen Neill, LBRuT Head of Safeguarding Quality and Performance, Children's Services and Culture
- LP Lynn Pickerell, Victim Support
- ME Maryam Erfan, Crown Prosecution Service Richmond DV lead (in lieu of Tony Levy)
- PK Peter Kirkham, LBRuT Hate Crime Coordinator
- RH Robert Henderson, Head of Protective and Preventative Services, Integrated Youth Support
- RT Rick Turner, Vice-Chair & Metropolitan Police Borough Commander
- TK Tamsin Kelland, Metropolitan Police Authority

Item No.		Action
1	Apologies	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clare Lambert, Youth Offending Team ○ Natasha Allen, Community Safety Manager ○ Catherine Askew, London Probation ○ Tony Levy, Crown Prosecution Service 	
2	Minutes of 26 February 2010 meeting and Matters Arising	
	<p>Minutes RT said an amendment is needed to 3.3 in that the Police and Council take a joint approach to counter-terrorism in statutory terms. The rest of the Minutes were agreed.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3.2 DN cannot update on liaison between Anne Lawtey and Marika Dalglish ○ 3.2 With regard to a Safeguarding Adults talk to the Community Police Partnership, CA confirmed that Cathy Kerr, Director of Adult and Community Services will be speaking at the November meeting ○ 3.3 Tom Knox will do a 10-15 minutes presentation on counter-terrorism at the next meeting. ○ 6 The Hallmarks draft report was circulated and some responses received 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 6 TK has sent a link on middle class girls involvement with gangs to Tina to circulate 	
3	Short presentations	
3.1	<p>Hate Crime Forum update by Peter Kirkham</p> <p>The Group had been circulated with the update and appendices.</p> <p>The Forum (3HCF) is now up and running with terms of reference (ToR) and roles agreed. An experienced Chair, Sarah Simpson, and Deputy Chair, Martyn Kingsford, have been appointed. PK will be agreeing an initial Work Plan with them next week. The next Forum is on 17 June.</p> <p>The Hate Crime Tasking Group (3HTG) referral criteria and ToR have been agreed and are similar to MARAC's. The referral criteria are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Serious offences (potentially causing serious harm), 2. Repeat offences by same suspect (regardless of timescale and suspect) 3. Repeat victimisation in a 12 month period (regardless of perpetrator) 4. High risk identified, or 5. Professional judgement. <p>The Group have just met for their 1st referral at which there was a good exchange of information between agencies. The Group will have ad hoc meetings as cases arrive.</p> <p>Data-gathering takes place with the Police on a monthly basis. There are some issues in schools, especially around sexual orientation bullying. There are bound to be gaps and double-counting.</p> <p>The supported reporting project was delayed by L B Hounslow. Tru-Vision is still not fully functional so we will now subscribe to Stop Hate UK which includes a 24/7 Helpline. Several other boroughs subscribe or are planning to do so.</p> <p>PK is currently tying up the Community Framework spreadsheet to circulate to agencies</p> <p>PK emphasised that as he is part-time, capacity issues may develop with the expanding workload.</p> <p>Most of the budget goes on publicity, and he would like a portion reserved for other aspects of the work. There is likely to be a training need e.g. on supported reporting</p> <p>Questions</p> <p>KN asked re links to MAPPA and GN about the link with ASB. PK assured the Group that there will be close liaison with other groups to avoid multiple meetings. GN suggested a protocol is needed in the Community Safety team to avoid duplication.</p>	PK/NA?
3.2	Local Children's Safeguarding Board update by Karen Neill	

	<p>The circulated report is the Board’s business plan to fulfil the statutory functions of “Working Together”, the government’s document describing how the Boards, established under the Children’s Act 2004, need to function. The Boards are inspected by Ofsted every 3 years, who want to see clear links to MAPPA, MARAC etc. The Plan is RAG-rated and some “ambers” are caused by the delay in the revision of Working Together which was finally republished last week. The “red” action is due to the vacant Domestic Abuse Coordinator post. A Section 11 (of the Children’s Act 2004) audit is currently being done with primary and secondary schools, the voluntary sector , GPs and dentists and in future behavioural support services, police, YOT and youth services will also be audited.</p> <p>They are also working on an online pilot dataset scheme with the London board, which will allow benchmarking</p> <p>Work under the Challenge and Improvement theme includes anti-bullying and work with the Police on children who frequently run away and collation of such data is cross-referenced with YOT and social care.</p> <p>The Board has set up a training programme in multi-agency working which is offered to priority individuals such as designated teachers in schools and named nurses.</p> <p>Questions</p> <p>DW asked a question about our Ofsted ranking. KN said it had improved in the last few years. Government assessment methods keep changing and we are now back to unannounced inspections combined with 10 day announced inspections. We have not yet had the 10 day part.</p> <p>GN asked about serious case reviews. KN said that the last one was February 2005 but we have recently done a mock review which impressed Ofsted.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Performance</p>	
<p>4.1</p>	<p>iQuanta report (RT)</p> <p>RT said the borough has the lowest number of Total Notifiable Offences in London. They are down 3% which is 330 less offences than last year.</p> <p>The Serious Acquisitive Crime target was -2.7%. We have now exceeded -12% with still a month to go.</p> <p>We are the lowest borough for Assault with Injury but RT is concerned about possible changes in the way this will be measured. He asked AG to obtain a definition from his colleagues at the Home Office.</p> <p>The next Place Survey will be in September.</p> <p>RT emphasised a need to sell these good new stories through the Borough Communications Team. GN added it would have to be after the election.</p>	<p>AG</p>

4.2	<p>Exception reports from task groups (DN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Q3 results for YOT shows good reductions. ○ CA mentioned the recent Section 60 work to stop a Facebook “rave” taking place on Richmond Green. She had observed that it was done very respectfully with the Police answering questions well. She congratulated the Police on their clear and effective policing. ○ ASB Development Group will be set up in the next 2 months ○ The ASB Panel has a new Chair and has agreed new working procedures. ○ The new Domestic Abuse Coordinator has just been appointed. It is Mick Allen, a former Chief Inspector at Richmond Police. ○ CA commented that our successful format for Youth Crime Conferences is being emulated elsewhere. 	
4.3	<p>Substance Misuse performance (Anna Webster)</p> <p>This is AW's second week in post. She will be able to provide performance data at the April meeting. She is meeting Gordon Hay next week about his research on prevalence data. GN asked her to request early completion of this work as it is very important for future budgets. RH said he would be interested to know if young people can be included in the research.</p> <p>Multiple requests for an update on our DIP status to the Operational Drugs Testing Manager have not been productive. GN thinks a letter is needed from Anne Lawtey.</p>	AL
5	<p>Hallmarks report (DN)</p> <p>A paper was circulated at the last meeting about the government's proposals on the six hallmarks of effective CDRPs or CSPs. Our RAG-rated self-assessment was circulated and the paper needs to be signed off.</p> <p>GN has spoken with AG and has some suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Under L1 we can include the newsletter started by the LSP re all the partnerships and the LSP annual conference which pulls together many disparate organisations working in the Borough ○ Under P1 we should mention that the LSP will review all thematic partnerships for the updated Community Plan ○ Under D3, GN said that in her view project evaluation has to remain ad hoc and informal <p>RT asked whether analytical capability under A2 should be green as the Council and Police work well together each year to produce the Strategic Assessment.</p> <p>The self-assessment was agreed.</p>	
6	<p>ASB Minimum Standards (DN)</p> <p>The government announced last October that by 31st March all CDRPs must sign up to the delivery of minimum standards on ASB (due to the high profile Pilkington case etc). In Richmond upon Thames, we have done an ASB review intended to integrate agencies allowing them to pool resources and expertise. The ASB panel will deliver at an operational level and an</p>	

	<p>ASB Development Group at a strategic level. A proposed complaints procedure is also laid out. The Home Office will name and shame any local authority which doesn't sign up. We also need to put an appropriately worded announcement on our website.</p> <p>Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DW noted that some minor ASB can become subject to obsessive attention such that there is a danger it receives a disproportionate response. ○ GN said she is concerned about how we respond to the serious cases which do not always receive enough of the right kind of attention. ○ CH thinks the key is to agree a definition. Richmond Housing Partnership have done a lot of work on this and they can now tease out the low level cases (which they no longer even call "ASB") and thereby identify the serious cases. ○ CA said a lot of people don't understand that noise is not a police problem and RT agreed that the public don't have enough information on what to do. ○ GN has herself been involved in two cases recently which suggest we have not initiated partnership problem-solving early enough. She believes it needs to be a bigger priority for the CS team's workload, recognising that staff resourcing levels have now improved. ○ RT said it is good that one of his Inspectors will chair the Development Group as ASB is often first picked up by the Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams. ○ RH's department is undertaking a mapping exercise of problem, resource-intensive families, which can then lead to a team around those families. Some of these families may also be sources of ASB. <p>The paper is supported by the Group but GN suggested a 2-stage complaints procedure which the Council will be moving to, so the wording will need changing.</p>	DN
8	Any other business	
9	Date and venue of next meeting: Friday the 23 rd of April 12.30 -14.00, Room 7 York House	

Acronymns

MARAC	Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference
MAPPA	Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements
ASB	anti-social behaviour
RAG	red, amber, green
DIP	Drugs Intervention Programme
CDRP	Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership
CSP	Community Safety Partnership
LSP	Local Strategic Partnership