

Health and Wellbeing Board

15 October 2019

Update on Violence Reduction Priority

1. Purpose

Preventing Youth Violence is one of the three priorities set by Walsall Health & Wellbeing Board for 2019/2020.

Superintendent Kim Madill is the lead for this priority and the purpose of this report is to update the board with progress to date & future actions.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the HWB note the update (further detail will be provided in a verbal brief at the meeting).

2.2. That all agencies reassure themselves that they have the right leads to support the delivery of the plan.

2.3 That the HWB note that Preventing Youth Violence forms part of the wider Violence Reduction Priority under the Safer Walsall Partnership plan, also led by Superintendent Kim Madill.

3. Report detail

- The first meeting of the relevant leads took place on 19th September 2019 and monthly meetings have been planned for the next 6 months to ensure early progress is made against the priority.
- There was good attendance at the first meeting and Superintendent Madill led a very productive discussion to ensure clarity of the partnership aims over the coming 12 months and 3 years respectively were agreed.
- Overall aims were agreed as
 - A developed and embedded shared organisational and community response to violence prevention and reduction in Walsall
 - Stopping Violence in Walsall before it starts
 - Protecting the most vulnerable in Walsall from abuse
- All agencies have been asked to provide the detail of their current activity relating to this priority by Friday 11th October 2019 under the headings Prevention, Diversion, Enforcement & Rehabilitation.
- A gap analysis will then be conducted against the evidence base for preventing violence in order to seek to fill these gaps through the partnership and where appropriate via the new Violence Reduction Unit.

- Partners were provided details of the launch event for the Violence Reduction Unit on 2nd October 2019 and encouraged to attend.
- The next meeting is on 17th October where focus will be on turning the aims into action and setting performance measures to ensure the Preventing Violence leads can be held to account for progress against the priority. This will then form the basis of a delivery plan against which activity will be tracked through the monthly meetings.

4. Implications for Joint Working arrangements:

There are no current implications for joint working arrangements, however as the work progresses there may be financial implications should the gap analysis identify areas of weakness for the partnership that are required to be filled in order to make progress against the priority.

4. Health and Wellbeing Priorities:

- The impact anticipated is positive progress against the HWB Preventing Youth Violence Priority and wider Violence reduction Priority through a coordinated partnership approach that seeks to embed the evidence base in this area across the Borough of Walsall.
- There are no negative implications of this work identified currently
- This work directly compliments the Marmot Objectives in particular seeking to ensure that we build resilient communities ensuring there is an enhanced public awareness and understanding of the negative impact of childhood adversity on future life chances for our children and young people, in order that the community can take action for themselves to prevent adversity and instead champion positive childhood experiences.
- There are no adverse implications for safeguarding.

Background papers

Nil

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