



**VALE OF GLAMORGAN LOCAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING.**

**21<sup>st</sup> February 2013.**

**Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, Barry.**

**Present:**

Cllr Neil Moore – VoGC  
Sian Davies – VoGC  
Huw Isaac – VoGC  
Helen Moses – VoGC  
Francesca Howorth – VoGC  
Paul James – South Wales Police  
Bob Tooby – Ambulance Trust  
Mark Davies – VoGC (agenda items 7&8)  
Deborah Gibbs – VoGC (agenda item 6)

Ian Jones – Environment Agency  
Anne Wei – Cardiff and Vale UHB  
Dr Sharon Hopkins – Cardiff and Vale UHB  
Phil Pinches – South Wales Fire & Rescue Service  
Phil Evans – VoGC  
Alun Billingham – VoGC  
Sonia Reynolds – Welsh Government

**Apologies:**

Kay Martin – Cardiff & Vale College  
Clive Curtis – Vale Centre for Voluntary Services  
Glyn Cox – Aberthaw PowerStation  
Peter Greenhill – Wales Probation Trust  
Catherine Roberts - Abertawe Bro Morgannwg UHB

	<b>Action</b>
<b>1. <u>Welcome and apologies for absence</u></b>	
<b>2. <u>Minutes of Local Service Board Meeting 13 December 2012</u></b>  Agreed as an accurate record.	
<b>3. <u>Minutes of Local Service Board Implementation Group Meeting 24 January 2013.</u></b>  Noted.	
<b>4. <u>Matters Arising</u></b>  Anne highlighted the importance of upcoming Welfare Reform roadshow events and reminded partners to distribute details of the event within their agencies. Helen reminded the group of the dates the events are set to take place on. Cllr Moore requested for these	



<p>dates to be circulated to LSB members and for information to be sent to Town and Community Councils. Helen to notify Town and Community Councils.</p>	<p><b>HM</b></p>
<p><b><u>5. Priority Outcome 4, Older People's Strategy Progress Report.</u></b></p> <p>Helen Moses provided the update on progress on Priority Outcome 4 of the Community Strategy, 'Older people are valued and empowered to remain independent, healthy and active. They have equality of opportunity and receive high quality services to meet their diverse needs'. The LSB leads on delivering this outcome and the report was prepared by the Older People's Strategy Coordinator. The report highlights a number of significant achievements to date.</p> <p>CSOP/A8 – A good working relationship with the Vale 50+ Strategy Forum has been established through John Porter, the Older People Strategy Coordinator. The Forum has been very active in responding to a number of consultations on a wide range of topics.</p> <p>Huw highlighted that the Forum had been rebranded from the Vale Older People's Strategy Forum to the Vale 50+ Strategy Forum. Helen explained that the name change took place in order to attract a broader age range of members to ensure the Forum is diverse and sustainable.</p> <p>CSOP/A10 – The Older People's Champion Cllr Egan has established a good working relationship with the Forum. Cllr Egan contributes to the Forum's newsletter 'The Herald' and will attend upcoming Forum events including the Forum's Development Day.</p> <p>Helen advised that the upcoming Welfare Reform events had been advertised in 'The Herald'.</p> <p>CSOP/A13 – The Forum have expressed their interest in being consulted on a range of learning and skills issues. Older learners represent a diverse group and include those who wish to pursue work related skills as well as those learning for pleasure. In 2012/13 2,046 over fifties enrolled on Vale community adult learning courses.</p> <p>Helen informed the group that the Forum is planning to hold events on Health and Wellbeing in the summer, to encourage people to be more active, and will be involved in events to raise awareness around Flu Immunisation in the autumn. John Porter is working with Meredith Gardiner to plan these events.</p> <p>Sharon Hopkins informed the group that work had taken place on aging well at a UK and EU level through the Welsh Local Government Association. Sharon will liaise with Helen on work in this area and a report is to be brought to a future LSB meeting.</p>	<p><b>SH/HM</b></p>



<p>A discussion took place on whether the Forum should be invited to sit on the Public Health and Wellbeing Board. Sharon will consult with the chair of the board on this.</p>	<p>SH</p>
<p><b><u>6. Priority Outcome 9, Community Safety Progress Report – Alun Billingham and Deborah Gibbs</u></b></p> <p>Alun Billingham provided the group with an overview of progress on Priority Outcome 9 of the Community Strategy, “Residents and visitors are safe and feel safe and the Vale is recognised as a low crime area”. The Safer Vale Partnership lead on delivering this outcome.</p> <p>Alun informed the group that crime and disorder in the Vale is continuing to reduce, however the Welfare Reform Act coming into effect in April 2013 may impact on this. Alun advised that neighbourhood disputes are one of the biggest problems in the Vale and are a large drain on resources.</p> <p>Alun also advised the group that fear of crime is still high in the Vale; however, there are opportunities to address this with the appointment of the new Police and Crime Commissioner, Alun Michael. Addressing the fear of crime in the Vale is one of the Commissioner’s priorities, along with ensuring incidents of violent crime towards women and girls and of anti-social behaviour are responded to promptly.</p> <p>Deborah Gibbs introduced some of the partnership’s significant achievements highlighted in the report. Deb advised that there has been a significant level of community engagement in the Vale, particularly through the use of community messaging.</p> <p><b>Aim- Reduce the impact of domestic abuse on victims, families and the wider community and ensure that help and support are available</b></p> <p>Reducing the levels of violence towards women and girls is still a key priority for the partnership. Numbers of domestic abuse incidents are an improvement of 3% against the current target thanks to success in a number of initiatives. The launch of Cadoxton House as a centre for community support for domestic abuse and substance misuse has been a major achievement. A new target hardening scheme has also been launched to provide funding for equipment to allow victims to feel safe in their own home. Future funding for the domestic abuse co-ordinator is likely to be regional across Cardiff and the Vale but there are concerns about whether this would be manageable.</p>	



**Aim – Reduce the impact of substance misuse in communities**

There is concern over needle safety and the numbers of discarded needles being found in community parks and public spaces. An event will be held to educate children and young people on what to do in the event of finding a needle along with educating needle users themselves.

A Children and Young Persons Tier 2 service will go live in April for those with Substance Misuse related issues.

Sharon Hopkins thanked the partnership for their work on substance misuse and advised that bids had been made to the Regional Collaboration Fund bid for an Alcohol Treatment Centre and for a regional Sexual Assault Referral Centre.

**Aim – Reduce the impact of anti-social behaviour in the Vale of Glamorgan**

Anti-Social behaviour in the Vale is reducing, although the number of neighbourhood disputes is increasing. These disputes can be serious and last for a considerable length of time. Work is taking place with mediation services and victim support, although resolving disputes can be challenging.

A victim champion has been appointed by Safer Vale funded via the Voluntary Action Scheme. To date 678 victims of anti-social behaviour and hate crime have been contacted and 11 volunteers have been recruited to provide additional support.

The Police and Crime Commissioner's draft Police and Crime Reduction Plan has been published and Alun Michael will attend the Community Safety Partnership in March to meet partners. The Commissioner will also be the keynote speaker at a Neighbourhood Watch meeting taking place in the Vale of Glamorgan in April.

**Aim – Reduce the level of serious acquisitive crime and criminal damage in the Vale of Glamorgan**

The Integrated Offender Management (IOM) team has relocated to Barry Police Station, where vulnerable people can be directly referred. This multi-agency team is the first of its kind in Wales. The IOM scheme has been reviewed by the National Inspectorate, and work on a performance management framework will take place in quarter 4 of 2012/13. Paul James highlighted the good work being undertaken on Integrated Offender Management and the importance of being innovative.

Paul also advised that Sophie Howe had been appointed the Deputy Police Crime Commissioner and Dave Francis the Assistant



<p>Commissioner.</p> <p>Huw Isaac advised the group that the PCC's Police and Crime Reduction Plan will be circulated for comments. Deborah Gibbs will draft a response by 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013.</p>	<p><b>DG</b></p>
<p><b><u>7. Children and Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs) Update</u></b></p> <p>Mark Davies, Children and Young People Partnership Manager, provided the group with an update of the work being carried out in regard to NEETs. Significant changes such as regional funding have been proposed across a number of partners and the impact of these changes to NEETs is uncertain.</p> <p>Mark identified a number of key points in the report. The major change in structure regarding NEETs working has been the move away from the traditional pre and post 16 age related groups to an overarching Strategy Group and Operational Group working across both age ranges. The remit has also been extended in relation to the post 16 age group from up to 19 years to up to 25.</p> <p>Mark detailed a number of changes to funding provisions. 14-19 funding is now regional and there has been a slight increase in funding of NEETs work in the Vale from this, although the long term future remains unclear. Through the Communities First Cluster Programme, successful funding has been obtained for three projects on engagement and NEETs. There is also more of a focus on the post 19 age range. A Youth Service grant from Welsh Government has been changed and is now focused on those at risk of being disengaged.</p> <p>Mark advised that funding for Careers Wales had reduced (Sonia Reynolds verified that Career's Wales is now an arm's length Welsh Government organisation) and advised that although the move to extend the NEETs remit up to 25 was a positive move, this may cause the latest figures to increase as this age group are able to claim benefit. Cllr Moore asked Mark about progress regarding the Cardiff and Vale region merging with Gwent. Mark advised that the move was a substantial strategic change and is not stable as yet. Sonia confirmed this move would take time to bed in.</p> <p>The Fast Forward courses initiative at Cardiff and Vale College ran again and work is in progress to offer learners a range of entry points throughout the year onto college courses. This is seen as a very positive move.</p> <p>The conclusion of the report is that overall funding and support for work on NEETS appears to have increased; however, it will be some time before long term implications and outcomes are known.</p>	



<p>The Welfare Reform Act coming into effect in April 2013 is expected to make a major impact and it is possible that NEETs figures will decrease as 16-18 year olds decide to stay in education as this is often the case in difficult economic times.</p> <p>Mark then drew the group's attention to the data included in the report comparing NEETs figures in the Vale to those combined with Cardiff and to the whole of Wales. The figures show that since 2007 there has been a continued reduction in NEETs in the Vale. There has been a decrease from 6.8 percent in 2007 to 4.3 percent in 2011. Unverified figures suggest that this may have reduced further to 3.9 percent in 2012.</p>	
<p><b><u>8. Proposal to Develop a Child Poverty Action Plan</u></b></p> <p>Mark Davies asked the group to endorse a proposal for the partnership to take the lead on developing a child poverty strategy for the Vale of Glamorgan.</p> <p>Mark advised the group that the partnership is organising a multi-agency event to take place in June to develop a Child Poverty Action Plan. Mark encouraged all partners to have representatives attend the event and actively contribute to developing the action plan.</p> <p>The group discussed the importance of this work being supported fully by all partnerships. The LSB endorsed the recommendation for the Children and Young People Partnership to take the lead on developing the child poverty strategy, which will need to be incorporated into the Community Strategy and its Delivery Plan. It was also noted that this work will need to link to the Welfare Reform Group.</p>	<p><b>MD</b></p>
<p><b><u>9. Draft Response to Proposals for a Public Health Bill</u></b></p> <p>Anne Wei asked the group to endorse an LSB response to the Welsh Government's Public Health Bill proposals. Anne advised that Sian Griffiths from Public Health had presented the proposals to the LSB Implementation Group on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013. From the subsequent discussion a response was drafted and circulated to Implementation Group members and the Public Health and Wellbeing Board for any additional feedback.</p> <p>This response was then circulated to LSB members. The group endorsed the response, which will now be submitted to Welsh Government.</p>	<p><b>HM</b></p>
<p><b><u>10. Regional Collaboration Fund</u></b></p>	



<p>Sian Davies updated the group on feedback from Welsh Government on Regional Collaboration Fund bids. WG had categorised the bids into three groups.</p> <p>The first group consists of bids that WG felt were likely to be supported with only a small amount of amendments needed. Bids in this group are Health and Social Care Service Integration, Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Joint Local Service Board and Sexual Assault Referral Centre.</p> <p>The next group included bids that were supported in principle but would require further work to be successful. These bids were Regionalising Regulatory Services across Cardiff, Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan, CYD CYMRU – Wales Together, and the Alcohol Treatment Centre.</p> <p>The final group consists of bids that at present would not be supported and would require a substantial amount of work. Collaborative Land Use and Transport Planning was in this category.</p> <p>Sian advised the group that a more substantial and detailed transport bid has been submitted since. This bid is considered to be a lot stronger than the previous bid.</p> <p>Sian will meet with Welsh Government to discuss any amendments to the bids in order to meet the criteria of the fund. At the present time all bids will be taken forward. However, they do exceed the total grant allocation for the region.</p>	
<p><b><u>11. Area Working Review – Huw Isaac</u></b></p> <p>Huw Isaac reminded the group that in September 2011, three area working groups were established: Barry, Central and Western, and Eastern, with each group focusing on particular issues of concern in that area. This approach had worked well in Cardiff, and the Vale wished to adopt a similar approach.</p> <p>A report on a review of area working undertaken 12 months later recommended that the current arrangements should end and that a “Task and Finish” approach would work better in identifying local issues and dealing with them. The LSB was asked to endorse this recommendation.</p> <p>A discussion took place and a number of comments were received. Sharon Hopkins drew the group’s attention to the fact that primary care base neighbourhoods were broadly aligned to the same three areas of the working groups. Paul James felt that area working was good in principle and that the police still believe in neighbourhood networking; however, in practice area working should have been</p>	



<p>more operation based enabling a focus on a smaller, more defined area of streets. Sharon suggested that as the police, IOM and health will be continuing to work at this level, area working should be revisited to avoid duplication.</p> <p>Helen Moses suggested that the proposed Task and Finish approach would allow issues to be identified that are not already dealt with elsewhere and would provide a means for tackling an issue specific to a locality. This approach would also ensure that the groups are comprised of people with the correct specialist knowledge for the issue being dealt with.</p> <p>Sian Davies proposed that the recommendations for a Task and Finish approach should be accepted and for this approach to be reviewed in 12 months time, taking into account the outcome of the Regional Collaboration Fund bid for a joint Cardiff and Vale LSB.</p> <p>The LSB endorsed the proposal.</p>	
<p><b><u>12. Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Moore informed the group that Town and Community Councils had asked to be represented on the LSB. It was agreed in light of the forthcoming review of the LSB with Cardiff that a decision should not be made with regard to this until after the review.</p> <p>Sian advised that the Public Service Leadership Group had identified information-sharing as a barrier to partnership working. A number of workshops are being arranged, and Sian will chair a workshop for Cardiff and the Vale to discuss this. She encouraged all partners to attend. Sian will circulate invitations to this event.</p>	<p><b>SD</b></p>
<p><b><u>13. Date of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2013 @ 10am, Committee Room 1, Civic Offices.</p>	



