

Todmorden Together Group

9th May 2019

Present:

Sail Suleman
Jessica Clayton
Nadeem Mir
Diana Tremayne
Julia Grieve
Andrew Langham Clarkson
Cllr Steve Sweeney
Rev Kathie Heathcoat
Kirsten Fusing
Cathy Sewell
Susy Thomas
Gill Shirt
Alyson Harvey
Claire Connolly
Jon Hairsine
Sharon Pickles
Alice Coates
Jake Womack
Shabina Mir
Adnan Ahmed

Apologies: Nancy White, CICS Trustees, Susan Press, Bob Stoner, Nick Wigmore, John Greenwood, Carol Machell, Melissa Wells.

Introductions were shared and backgrounds provided.

Warm welcomes were extended to all. See signing in sheet for attendees. School values shared.

County Lines presentation

Covering county lines a term used to describe gangs involved in exporting illegal drugs to one or more importing areas in the UK.

Who is vulnerable?

Children

- Children as young as 10
- 13-16years most common
- Lack of stable home life
- Excluded students
- Learning disabilities (people with)

Adults

- Homeless
- Previous criminal record
- Mental Health

Terms explained;

- Squaring taking over a bank account for OCG purposes.
- Cuckooing – taking over a property for OCG purposes.
- Trap House- remote property for children and vulnerable adults send to deal drugs.

Signs;

- Going missing for some time.
- Physical injuries.
- Changes in behaviour.
- 2 phones, change in behaviour.
- Invincibility.
- Possession of strange house/car keys.
- FEARLESS.

Crime stoppers campaign film clip referred to.

Not my child leaflet shared.

St Giles charity set up to “break the cycle”.

Julie Grieve- keep Todmorden Tidy campaign- empty packets. Signs of substance misuse.

Jessica made it clear that it may not be published that a crime has been dealt with **BUT** please always share concerns in regards to reports via one of the avenues.

Cathy Sewell- are there ever any convictions?

All- how we can raise aspirations ideas linked in alumni.

Questions and answers followed.

Minutes of the last meeting shared and updates provided.

Claire shared paper on Summer Roadshow/ Raising Aspirations Summer event 20th June 2019. Celebrity, Rugby/Football players, any business want to present, police, ideas and contributions shared. Youth club on wheels. Bus oasis and many more. Sponsorship Weird for example

Issues discussion followed.

Question regarding how we can engage with a typical students and gaining trust. Solution, engage them in something new. Shine a light on deterrent and sanctions for illegal activity. Promote Crime Stoppers more. Visible sign from the police that there will be sanctions. Final line whole focus of the group agreed as the group do raise aspirations.

Jon- former OCGs- can they be identified and get them on board with the kids?

Sharon Pickles said we have tried to engage students who are difficult to engage.

How do we engage students in something else? Preparatory work in primary schools, PCSO bespoke packages for Y5 and 7. How do we entice someone back when they have been enticed with bling?

Where is the intelligence? We know where, who and when. People don't get involved. Crime stoppers needs to give confidence for people to ring in. Parents need confidence.

- How do we engage with students?
- How do we create a deterrent?

Confidence of the community- **VISIBLE SIGN OF ACTION TAKEN**

Sharon Pickles all info shared with police- students aware that it is shared.

Actions and updates provided;

- Invite LMC to next meeting (for careers)
- Crimestoppers leaflet to go in weekly letter
- Feedback to CJC on summer roadshow
- Jess to distribute materials
- Jess to forward contact from St Giles and my life experience
- More strategies to raise aspirations.
- Jess to take back to WY police- let us have a look at Tod.
- N Mir feed intelligence
- DTO to author next bid.
- Jessica to ACTION: data intelligence/trends to be analysed by police relating to Todmorden.
- Alyson Harvey to pass on details of Dean Cody.

Suggested date for next meeting: **Thursday 13th June 2019**

Appendix- Email from Jessica Clayton: 10th May 2019

Hi Gill,

Me again....

It was really disheartening to hear how the community felt there was a lack of support from WYP, I hope we can change your views in the near future. I have spoken with an Inspector in Calderdale regarding the concerns that were raised yesterday evening. He stated that he will speak to the Inspector within your ward area and will ask for additional support to be placed, however he did state that they are currently working on skeleton staff at the moment. I have also looked into the intelligence around the School, there is some indication of gang criminality – but we require more, so please encourage colleagues/staff/partners/public to continue to submit intelligence, however big or small....that small piece might be the final piece of the jigsaw to enable us to disrupt the gangs. I have asked for an Intelligence Analyst within Calderdale to map the intelligence we currently have (they will do a much better job than I have already done!).

Some things for staff to look out for:

- Names of gang members and their nicknames, what do they look like? Age, height, ethnicity, hair colour etc. Do they have an accent? Do they have a phone number?
- Cars – colour, make, model, reg plate any description that would make it more identifiable.
- Addresses – if not the full address, whereabouts? Do they know who lives there?
- Bus tickets/rail cards – if you suspect that a child is being trafficked (moved around to transport/sell drugs), please seize any tickets/cards and pass them on to the Police.
- Types of drugs being sold

Please see below information regarding the partnership intelligence portal (I really do encourage the use of this rather than 101 and waiting around for the next Police Officer):

- The Police Partnership Intelligence Portal is a web based portal giving partner's direct access to submit intelligence to the heart of West Yorkshire Police Intelligence function.
- The portal is there to submit the information that is routinely gathered by partners during the course of their normal duties, we are not asking for any additional work. It is not designed to replace any current referral mechanisms in place.
- <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/form/intelligence-portal-request-form> - please follow the link to set up an account. It is encouraged that a shared account is used for your organisation.
- <https://www.bishopgarth.com/ilearn/670PolicePartnershipIntelligencePortal/index.html> please follow link for demonstration.

Also, please see below contacts who may be able to support with interventions with the pupils.

Dean Coady deancoady@urbanpuresolutions.com (costs around £500 a day but I think someone said yesterday that prices are negotiable – he is really good!)
Phil phil@mylifeexperience.co.uk (to my knowledge his service is free)
Iain Hadley Iain.Hadley@stgilestrust.org.uk (I'm not sure if Iain's staff deliver in school but it is worth an ask)

Both Phil and Iain's services hire people with prior experience of gangs/CCE/drugs, etc.

Hope this helps. Please let me know if I can be of any help in the future.

Kind regards,

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