

Manchester Health and Wellbeing Board Report for Resolution

Report to: Manchester Health and Wellbeing Board – 31 October 2018

Subject: Public Health approach to violent crime

Report of: Director of Population Health and Wellbeing

Summary

A number of reports have highlighted the success of adopting a public health approach to tackling violent crime. The work undertaken in Glasgow over the past decade is probably the best example of achieving positive outcomes as evidenced by a significant reduction in homicides involving a knife.

Partners in Manchester are keen to explore whether such an approach could be developed for the city and it is proposed that this work is taken forward under the auspices of both the Health and Wellbeing Board and Manchester Community Safety Partnership.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:

1. Support the development of proposals to adopt a public health approach to violent crime.
 2. Ensure that key personnel from the organisations represented on the Board input to the proposals.
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Board Priority(s) Addressed:

Health and Wellbeing Strategy priority	Summary of contribution to the strategy
Getting the youngest people in our communities off to the best start	The work could have significant positive benefits for the health of children and young people in the city
Improving people's mental health and wellbeing	
Bringing people into employment and ensuring good work for all	

Enabling people to keep well and live independently as they grow older	
Turning round the lives of troubled families as part of the Confident and Achieving Manchester programme	
One health and care system – right care, right place, right time	
Self-care	

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Background documents (available for public inspection):

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy please contact one of the contact officers above.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The World health Organisation's World report on Violence and Health (2002) led to the establishment of the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit (SVRU) in 2006 and the adoption of a Public Health approach to violence.
- 1.2 The SVRU brings together police, local authority, education, health providers and VCSE organisations to identify and pioneer new approaches to prevention.
- 1.3 Following the adoption of this approach Glasgow saw a big reduction in deaths from knife crime. Between April 2006 and April 2011, 15 children and teenagers were killed with knives in Glasgow. Between April 2011 and April 2016, none were.
- 1.4 A Scottish report 'Violence Prevention: Public Health Priority' (2014), sets out the Public Health approach as having four key elements:
 1. Strong partnership working
 2. Improving health intelligence and data collection across partner agencies
 3. Leadership in a multi-disciplinary setting
 4. Building in evaluation from the outset of the programme
- 1.5 The Ending Gang and Youth Violence programme established by the Government in 2012 has helped, both nationally and locally, in developing a better understanding of the issues in relation to gang and youth violence, a clearer picture of the challenges and of how to tackle them.

2. The Manchester context

- 2.1 Some aspects of a public health approach are already being taken forward through the Manchester Community Safety Partnership and the Serious and Organised Crime Executive Group (SOCEG) chaired by Chief Superintendent Wasim Chaudhry.
- 2.2 There is also good collaborative work between the Manchester Health and Care Commissioning (MHCC) Population Health Intelligence Team and the Community Safety Data and Information Manager in relation to trauma and injury data.
- 2.3 However, there is a recognition that more could be done by learning from the best practice elsewhere, not only in Glasgow but also some of the hospital based schemes in London such as RedThread, the provision of specialist youth support to young victims of violence in the four Major Trauma Centres.

Next steps

- 2.1 It is proposed to establish a working group under the Health and Wellbeing Board and Community Safety Partnership to develop a set of proposals that relate specifically to Manchester. The challenging budget context is recognised so initially the work will focus on what can be done from existing resources. To ensure the work involves the appropriate people with the expertise the input of the following will be required:

- MHCC Population Health and Wellbeing Team
- NHS Hospital Trust Emergency Department Consultants and Senior Nurses
- Greater Manchester Mental Health Trust Leads
- GP Neighbourhood Leads
- Community Safety Partnership Team
- Greater Manchester Police
- Youth Justice Lead
- Probation Service
- MCC Education and Social Work Leads
- VCSE Organisations

3. Recommendations

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