Meeting Minutes

Humber Violence Prevention Partnership Board

Location: Aura Innovation Centre

Date: Friday 7th February 2025

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

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Item		
1.	Welcome, introductions and apologies.	
	JE chaired the meeting and welcomed the Board.	
	In attendance:	
	Board Members and Deputies	
	Jonathan Evison (JE) (Chair) Police and Crime Commissioner	
	Laura Booth (LB) Probation Service (N & NE Lincs)	
	Gail Teasdale (GT) Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership	
	CC Judi Heaton (JH) Chief Constable, Humberside Police	
	Paul Caswell MBE (PC) NELC	
	Katy Stevenson (KS) HCC	
	Rachel Schleicher (RS) Youth Justice, ERYC Gemma Jennison (GJ) Voluntary Sector	
	Emma Young (EY) Youth Justice and Family Help, NELC	
	Zoe Grindle (ZG) Youth Justice Service, NELC	
	Angela Dearing (AD) ERYC/ER CSP	
	Merlin Joseph (MJ) ERYC	
	Laura Pickering (LP) I C B	
	Kev Heath (KH) Youth Justice, NLC	
	Pauline Turner (PT) Director, HCC	
	Matthew Clayton (MC) NLC	
	Verity Richings (VR) HMP Hull	
	Sarah Wilkinson (SW) Humberside Fire and Rescue Service	
	Core Member Representatives	
	Cat Jones (CJ) Humber and NY Health & Care Partnership	
	Louise Hamson (LH) YOT, HCC	
	Tracey Coyne (TC) NLC	
	Advisers	
	Prof Simon Green (SG) Hull University	
	VPP Officers	
	Richard Kendall (RK) VPP Director	
	Ian Robertson (IR) Information and Outcomes Analyst	
	Pip Betts (PB) Programme Manager	
	Donna Hamlett (DH) Partnership Analyst	
	Carole Baker (CB) Administrative Support Officer	

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	<u>Apologies</u>	
	Shaun Mycroft	
	David Marshall	
	Helen Christmas	
	Julia Weldon	
	Spencer Hunt	
	Stuart Minto	
	Nicola O'Leary	
	Tom Hewis	
	Joanne Wilson	
	Dominic Purchon	
	Mike Walker	
	Paula South	
	Sonja Harrison	
2.	Declaration of interests	
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	None.	
3.	Minutes of the meetings of 8 th November 2024 and matters arising	
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	The minutes were approved.	
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	Lived experience – SG and JH in discussion - date set for this 27 th February. PB	
	has sent invitations.	
4.	Progress Update	
	DK	
	RK presented the Delivery Plan Tracker and highlighted:	
	Data platform – development work now started on the proof of	
	concept. JE was eager to move forward at pace.	
	 4 Actions have been deferred to 2025/26 – see paper. 	
	 RK answered the question regarding the delayed start of the A&E 	
	Navigator Programme, he explained that the spend is where it should	
	be and that the Home Office (HO) are aware of the delay and	
	expenditure.	
	RK said there were no concerns on full spend for the year. He reported on a	
	briefing with Dame Diana Johnson MP and a visit he and JE had done to East	
	Riding Youth Justice. They hoped to do similar visits to the other areas over	
	the coming months.	
	The Board noted the report.	
5.	Strategic Needs Assessment	
	IR presented the paper which provided an update for the Board on VPP	
	analytical work, including the Strategic Needs Assessment. IR asked the Board	
	to consider which information would be most valuable to review at its	
	quarterly meetings.	
	The Board approved the 2024/25 Strategic Needs Assessment and submission	
	to the Home Office.	

he Board agreed to consider which information would be most valuable to eview at its meetings.	All
Ouring DH's presentation discussions took place regarding:	
 Significance of safeguarding, referring to Sara Sharif's case. The need to pay close attention to the issue. That it is a requirement of the school to inform the LA of a child being removed from school and educated at home. Often the parent/school relationship is unreconcilable. After reviewing reasons for this, one factor behind an increase in pupils being removed can be that parents feel that schools are not meeting the needs of pupils with SEND – EHCP statements. MJ stated that the rise in the number of children educated at home worried her. The ERYC is the least funded LA for SEND in the country. A significant factor is that there is no Youth Provision delivered by the ERYC. Young people are not receiving any structure. The Youth Justice Service does good work however it is not enough. Whilst children are home schooled, they lose contact with other children and support from services- the key thing is to have eyes on the child as this is a real blind spot. Local smaller providers of alternative provision have funding issues due to policy. Colleges can sometimes be seen as too big for struggling pupils. 	
 The use of more up to date data, as this is based on 2022/23. There was a great deal of information being reviewed in councils, but it was knowing what was available and which was most useful to the VPP that was the challenge. RK suggested that the best way to progress this would be for VPP analysts to meet with the teams working with the data. 	
Action – VPP analysts to meet with council teams working with education lata.	IR/DH
t was suggested that a data matching exercise between lists of young people involved in youth justice and who are home educated would help to inderstand any link. Partners agreed that this was something that could be indertaken.	
Action – VPP analysts to work with youth justice/education data leads to coordinate analysis of any link between home education and youth offending.	IR/DH
The Chair asked for a comparison between LA's and academy exclusions. MC stated that academy exclusions are noticeably higher.	
/R informed the Board that there is a rise in offenders who have been excluded. RS explained that a change in the approach at school would help this, more schools should become trauma informed. GT stated that children with boor mental health more likely to be excluded, and asked where the children are being seen if they are home educated - what services are out there?	

PT told the Board that there are resources in secondary schools to support pupils, that support now needs to be transposed to home educated children.

However, Ofsted does not always match Trauma Informed policy.

	The Board then discussed 2 schools who are demonstrating good practice and the correlation between female child exploitation, SEND triggers and violence against police officers. The Board requested more up to date data on the latter.	
	Action – EY to send data to JH.	EY
	Action – circulate slides from IR and DH presentation	IR/DH
6.	Research insights into the Humber VPP	
	SG introduced the paper. Thinking strategically about the next phase of the VPP, four questions emerged for the Board to consider:	
	 Should more funding be allocated to tertiary prevention to provide targeted support for 'known' population of serious youth violence. 	
	 What balance of funding should be allocated to Primary, Secondary and Tertiary prevention (for example 20 / 40 / 40)? 	
	3. What are the most significant risk indicators to help target secondary prevention interventions (e.g., school absence, neurodiversity)?	
	4. How does each Local Authority co-ordinate referrals and monitoring of young people's progress through diversionary interventions?	
	The Board discussed:	
	 Shift of at-risk populations, how do we tackle younger siblings of young offenders – the need to go upstream. 	
	It needs to be a whole family approach.	
	 How to offer sports projects to vulnerable people. 	
	Gaps in referrals.	
	 Coordination of the LA's different arrangements and the ability to track the progress of individuals. Clear reporting methods, recording and mapping. 	
	 Diversionary activities – youth offending management groups. 	
	 Measuring what has changed and the impact. Communication 	
	Action – to get people together to discuss.	RK
7.	Developing Plans for 2025/26	
	i) Policy and funding update	
	RK introduced the paper and gave an overview of recent policy developments. RK stated that VRU guidance is due March/April.	
	RK informed the group of Young Futures Prevention Hubs – open access to services – already in place in some areas – DfE now taking the lead on this policy.	
	On Young Futures Prevention Partnerships, Board members noted the importance of aligning any new panel arrangements with existing processes.	

	The Board agreed to establish a Young Futures Prevention Partnerships working group to develop the proposed local model.	RK
	ii) Home Office funded VRU delivery	
	RK set out a proposal ahead of the expected publication of guidance and requirement to submit a delivery plan to the Home Office. He reported that several VRUs had lost staff and paused intervention delivery given the funding uncertainty, but this was not the case with the VPP.	
	 Discussion included: Scope to bring in inclusion of VAWG. The Board thanked the individuals who took on the role of VPO for their hard work and achievements. Improving manual data sharing in advance of automation. 	
	The Board approved the data sharing priorities set out in the report.	
	The Board approved the outline budget and delegated authority to the Director to make any minor adjustments required in response to Home Office guidance.	RK
	The Board approved in principle the indicative interventions programme, and delegated authority to the Director to make minor revisions in response to Home Office guidance.	RK
	The Board agreed to establish a task-and-finish group to develop a Humber focussed deterrence model.	RK
	iii) Humber delivery plan 2025/26	
	RK proposed including more partner-led actions in next year's local delivery plan to better communicate the breadth of work being undertaken and support mutual accountability. He asked if Board members would support this by providing information for the plan.	
	The Board approved the process, template and timetable for the development of the 2025/26 Delivery Plan, and agreed to provide the information set out in the report.	RK/all
8.	Interventions programme 2024/25	
	PB introduced the paper, explained the progress of the interventions the VPP were funding and guided the Board through the recommendations.	
	The Board noted the latest progress report.	
9.	Emerging issues and risks	
	The Chair invited roundtable contribution from members.	
	RK passed on queries that had been raised about market stalls selling Viking- style axes and asked if councils were aware and if any checks were done on this type of retail stall.	

	Action- To take back to relevant department in LAs and enquire what checks are completed to allow such stalls.	МЈ/РТ
10.	Any Other Business	
	None.	
	Future Meetings	
	Next Meeting: Friday 2 nd May 2025 10.00am – 12.00pm Aura Innovation Centre. Friday 18 th July 2025 10.00am – 12.00pm Aura Innovation Centre. Friday 17 th October 2025 10.00am – 12.00pm Aura Innovation Centre. Friday 30 th January 2026 10.00am – 12.00pm Aura Innovation Centre. Friday 1 st May 2026 10.00am – 12.00pm Aura Innovation Centre. Friday 17 th July 2026 10.00am – 12.00pm Aura Innovation Centre.	