

Meeting Minutes

Humber Violence Prevention Partnership Board

Location: Aura Innovation Centre

Date: Friday 18th July 2025

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
1.	Welcome, introductions and apologies JE chaired the meeting and welcomed the Board. In attendance: <u>Board Members and Deputies</u> Jonathan Evison (JE) Chair Sarah Wilkinson (SW) Humberside Fire and Rescue Service Mike Walker (MW) Humberside Police Hannah Wallis (HW) Humberside Police Joedie Bateman (JB) HMP Hull Gemma Jennison (GJ) Voluntary and Community Sector Georgia Ewen (GE) ER Youth Justice Clare Matthews (CM) HMPS Merlin Joseph (MJ) ERYC Tom Hewis (TH) NLC Gail Teasdale (GT) ICB Zoe Grindle (ZG) NE Lincs Youth Justice Chris Todd (CT) Humberside Police - arrived at Item 5 Matthew Temperton (MT) Hull CSP Sally Adegbembo (SA) HMPS Rebecca Freeman (RF) NELC/CSP Phil Mountain-Wade (PMW) Education Sector Pauline Turner (PT) HCC/Hull Youth Justice Julie Wilburn (JW) ICB <u>Core Member Representatives</u> Tracey Coyne (TC) NL CSP Louise Hamson (LH) Hull Youth Justice Catherine Jones (CJ) NHS <u>VPP Officers</u> Richard Kendall (RK) VPP Director Pip Betts (PB) Programme Manager Ian Robertson (IR) Analyst Manager Marie Morgan (MM) Public Health Manager <u>Apologies</u> Paul Caswell MBE	

	Samantha Matthews Ann-Marie Matson Laura Booth Debbie Nikatsekpe Daniel Meeke Marcella Goligher Iain Brennan David Marshall Nicola J O'Leary Simon T Green Sonja Harrison Spencer Hunt Stuart Minto	
2.	Declaration of interests None.	
3.	Minutes of the meeting of 2nd May 2025 and matters arising 2 actions still outstanding: CM - Learning Outcomes – in progress; and JE yet to have meeting with Tracy Harsley. GT asked for Board minutes to be set as soon as possible after the meeting to identify actions at earliest opportunity, appreciate that other papers may be sent later. The minutes were approved.	JE RK/CLB
4.	Progress Update Paper presented by Richard Kendall RK The VPP are awaiting an update on future funding and guidance on the extended scope. RK reported on forthcoming National Youth Strategy and the good presentation provided by Fiona Stone from DCMS at the Hull youth work event. GT had spoken to Fiona re the Strategy and shared work on Trusted Adults (the shared work with the VPP). They were interested in the system in Hull. View is that in other areas Health isn't involved as much as they can be. RK The YEF have released the "Beyond the Headlines" report. (This can be found here) RK There is currently a slight underspend with staffing costs in the VPP team. We are currently recruiting for a graduate research assistant. RK Also thanked all and noted that there was good feedback about the VPP annual conference and has been booked in for next year. The Board noted the report.	

5.	Delivery Plan and SV Duty monitoring Paper presented by Richard Kendall RK asked for feedback as to whether the new style of reporting is helpful, and board members agreed it's useful to share information in this format. RK thanked the partners for their help in providing responses regarding the SVD to support development of this. RK highlighted the updates by Fire, ICB data sharing and the work undertaken to support Clear, Hold and Build. In respect of partnership updates: PT – Noted it was helpful to see what other areas are doing e.g. the police query regarding NEET cohort in Hull and the potential link to YFPP, Hull CC have the data available, and generally a wealth of data regarding offending behaviour that is available to share. Action: VPP team to help connect to relevant data. JB HMP Hull have a violence reduction officer starting in September and enquired as to the possibility of partners supporting with release. SA Probation are working on the potential impact of the early releases. CM HMP Humber is meeting with T Harsley to connect Strength to Change programme with prisoner release and join up with Joedie Bateman, HMP Hull on this. There is the potential to join up early release/re-settlement data between probation and prison partners.	RK
6.	Prevention Partnerships panel pilot Paper presented by Richard Kendall Young Futures Prevention Panel RK updated that this will be a 2-year pilot, but only funding for 25/26 confirmed to date. There is a national oversight board on 21/7. Directors of Children's Services from each authority met with RK to discuss which area to select for the pilot, and there was mutual agreement that Hull would be most suitable. The VPP team are expected to be hands on in terms of supporting with data, commissioning etc. PT and LH highlighted some of the challenges associated with the process, including capacity, consent and the availability of suitable interventions. RK said that indicatively around 60 young people were expected to receive support in 25/26, but there could be around three times that number initially considered through the process.	

	PMW – There is an opportunity to better link into education provision in Hull – EOTAS is providing support to 3 Multi Academy Trusts across the city, this may provide an opportunity to collaborate. MW asked if there was an easier age group to engage and highlighted that PCSOs can be the eyes and ears of who may be ‘at risk’. PT said it depends on where they are on their offending journey and readiness to engage. RK highlighted the council’s existing plan to progress additional data sharing and linking providers through Hulls EHM Liquid Logic case management system, which the pilot would look to accelerate. The Board noted the report.	
7.	Interventions Programme Paper presented by Pip Betts PB – The process of issuing grant agreements for 25/26 has taken slightly longer as wording has been updated to reflect the request for named data. The Home Office have now advised that the anticipated additional funding for Focused Deterrence (FD) and A&E Navigators this year is not now likely to be available. PB reported that a readiness assessment process had been undertaken with the four authority areas to determine which area/s would be selected for a FD intervention. There was mutual agreement that in the first instance, this would be North East Lincolnshire. PC and ZG leading the FD work in NEL. A budgetary proposal has been prepared that leaves some headroom in the allocation for FD. Although costs were yet to be finalised, this was likely to leave some available to support A&E Navigators with cost pressures. The Board agreed to delegate authority to the VPP Director to reallocate any identified in year underspend to the A&E Navigators programme. The Board approved the allocation of the focused deterrence pilot to North East Lincolnshire, and delegated authority to the VPP Director to finalise the proposed allocation of funds. ZG noted the requirement for committed policing resource in an FD programme and asked for additional police support. PB reported that in the development stages, Supt Blackwood had worked with policing colleagues to work up approximate costings to support the required policing resource. ZG to liaise with Supt. Blackwood. MW said he would support this with tasking. MJ queried intervention opportunities for Bridlington area, given that some provision from FC is being delivered in Beverley and Withernsea,	PB/RK PB/RK MJ/PB

	but the priority location in ERYC is Bridlington. To pick up follow-up conversation with PB. PT – Regarding the development of Youth Hubs, there is a lack of sharing of information nationally with DFE and potential delays due to the treasury requiring sign-off and consultation. The Board noted the latest progress report.	
8.	Governance Paper presented by Richard Kendall RK updated on minor changes to the VPP’s Governance Framework from this year’s review, which took into account updated Home Office guidance. PT highlighted a potential gap in representation from the national Youth Justice Board. The Board agreed to invite a Youth Justice Board representative as an observer. The Board approved the updated Governance Framework, with amendment to include a Youth Justice Board observer. Young people engagement – RK highlighted the Board’s view from the last meeting that the VPP needed a more structured way of gathering young people’s voices from existing structures. This could be either attending existing groups, liaising with them to capture recorded feedback, and/or occasionally gathering representatives of existing groups together to discuss an issue. He said that following consideration, there was insufficient capacity in the VPP core team to be able to facilitate this, but there was an opportunity to commission an organisation to support with this and the other engagement work required for focused deterrence and the Young Futures panel pilot. Board members discussed potential issues and opportunities. MJ cited the ‘Nothing About us Without Us’ model, could we ask them to support finding a solution but concurred that this would still need capacity to coordinate the work. RK proposed to set up a separate meeting with interested members or their representatives to develop this in more detail. The Board agreed this. The Board approved the terms of reference for the Ending VAWG Strategic Board.	PB RK RK
9.	Data and Analysis Paper presented by Ian Robertson IR updated the Board on the development of a shared data platform.	

	The Board approved the further development of a shared data platform on Salesforce's platform, using the budget already allocated and any further funding that can be obtained from the Home Office. IR highlighted issues with the timeliness of verified national Youth Justice Board data, and asked for support from members to share and utilise unverified local management information instead, as is used by the local youth justice partnership boards. Currently the VPP received some of this via their board papers, but it was presented and analysed in different ways, making it difficult to ascertain the overall Humber picture. Youth justice service leads present agreed to support this request. Action – IR to liaise on the process and time periods for regular data collection. IR – seeking local authority leads for Op Encompass (DA) data - MW clarified needs to be police lead for this ask (Daniel Lee) RF – Asked if for ambulance data, the CSP could use the existing ISA? Action – IR to clarify. RF offered to support with sharing of NEL education data. PB clarified that A&E Navigators data should continue to improve on the South Bank as Blue Door navigators secure access to NHS IT admission systems. The Board supported the ask for help in getting data to assist in the development of this year's DA profile, and education data from North East Lincolnshire. The Board noted the possible delay to the SNA submission due to a reduction in analytical capacity.	IR IR IR/RF
10.	Evaluation Paper presented by Pip Betts PB Given the 25/26 VRU funding extension, we have a requirement to conduct additional evaluation for this period. The evaluation work will continue to be delivered by the University of Hull, but from 1 September the work will be led by Dr Vicky Burton. GT Relationship violence prevention evaluation report: challenge on costs and the success measures involved. Action - PB to pick up outside of meeting. The Board noted the report. Members discussed how to consider the VPP's impact and collaborative work across the system to prevent violence.	PB

	PT – Suggested a standing agenda item to compare our VRU progress against other areas - would be helpful to see our position on violence prevention and evidence that we're making a difference. MJ – Would be useful to see themes explored at each meeting, for example with a spotlight on SEND / NEET children and look at positive changes, however small, for example, East Riding are currently working with Police on how to support children with SEND – offered to invite practitioners views to share impact. PT - Disproportionality in YJS – how can the VRU work better with the CPS and Courts? CT – Police have a new National Centre for VAWG and Public Protection – can look to task them to peer review and share best practice from a national level. Action – RK to plan future agendas and facilitate contributions from partners on different topics.	RK
11.	Emerging issues and risks PT – Seeing some disproportionality among representation of Eastern European young people as first-time entrants, can we look across the area and improve how we work with different communities? TC – Concerned about a recent influx of children under 10 for ASB referrals – looking at prevention offer. MJ - Increase in girls in the CJS, especially those with SEND. Need to be mindful of ICB changes and potential impact on health and wellbeing. Speech and Language officer in the YJ team is working well in East Riding but requires longer term funding. GT – Intersectionality: important to work with children and young people with a range of markers e.g mental health, SEND, varying demographics. MT – VAWG education in schools. Need to look at what difference local VAWG operational groups are making and link these at strategic level to VAWG Board for added value. CM – Risk re children attending prison visits and potential exploitation. MW offered link to OCG policing team. TH – North Lincs. Increase in girls in CJS, higher links with neurodiversity. Keen to look at transition stage between primary and secondary schools and prevention opportunities. MM – offered connection to Trauma-Informed education support. CT – raised awareness re so-called 'com groups' including inciting boys to commit violence against girls and self-harm. MT – has delivered training on this via Prevent work, potential to roll-out to front-line staff via Prevent leads. JE – provided an update on Devolution.	MW MM
12.	Any other business None	

	Future Meetings Next Meeting: 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.	