

Meeting Minutes

Humber Violence Prevention Partnership Board

Location: Aura Innovation Centre

Date: Friday 2nd May

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
1.	<p>Welcome, introductions and apologies.</p> <p>JE chaired the meeting and welcomed the Board.</p> <p>In attendance:</p> <p><u>Board Members and Deputies</u> Jonathan Evison (JE) (Chair) Police and Crime Commissioner Paul Caswell MBE (PC) NELC Louise Hamson (LH) YOT, HCC Gemma Jennison (GJ) Voluntary Sector Zoe Grindle (ZG) Youth Justice Service, NELC Angela Dearing (AD) ERYC/ER CSP Matthew Clayton (MC) NLC Stuart Minto (SM) NLC/CSP Dominic Purchon (DP) Humberside Fire and Rescue Service Lydia Golby (LG) ICB Charlene Sykes (CS) NELC Clare Matthews (CM) HMPS Tracy Harsley (TH) HCC/Hull CSP Chris Todd (CT) Humberside Police</p> <p><u>Core Member Representatives</u> Sarah Wilkinson (SW) Humberside Fire and Rescue Service Charlene Sykes (CS) NELC Mike Walker (MW) Humberside Police Hannah Wallis (HW) Humberside Police</p> <p><u>Advisers</u> Nicola O’Leary (NO) Hull University</p> <p><u>VPP Officers</u> Richard Kendall (RK) VPP Director Pip Betts (PB) Programme Manager Carole Baker (CB) Administrative Support Officer</p> <p><u>Apologies</u> Shaun Mycroft David Marshall Helen Christmas Philip Mountain-Wade Marcella Goligher OBE Samantha Matthews</p>	

	<p>Merlin Joseph Cat Jones Gail Teasdale Julia Weldon Tom Hewis Joanne Wilson Caroline Andrews Ann-Marie Matson Sally Adegbembo Sonja Harrison Debbie Nikatsekpe Laura Booth</p>	
2.	<p>Declaration of interests</p> <p>None.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of the meeting of 7 February 2025 and matters arising</p> <p>The minutes were approved.</p> <p>RK stated;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared data platform – progress continued to be made on the proof of concept. • Performance Data Action – Information to review at board meetings. As nothing was suggested RK asked the Board to contact him with their thoughts. • Ian Robertson and Donna Hamlett have had meetings with representatives from Education. • Youth and Education – there is crossover data to be picked up. • Feedback from the issue regarding the sale of axes and knives on market stalls in Beverley and Hull – AD advised the Board that she had instructed Trading Standards in ERYC to check that stalls and shops were adhering to regulations on the sale of such items. Hull City Council were unable to comment as they did not have representation on this matter. 	RK/All
4.	<p>Progress Update Paper presented by Richard Kendall</p> <p>RK explained; Delivery Plan has been approved and we are waiting for a grant agreement from the Home Office. Serious Violence Duty (SVD) Funding – we have received notification of the allocation and will pick up ideas later in the meeting. The annual report was being drafted and will be circulated in due course.</p> <p>The VPP Conference agenda is coming together – sign up is good.</p> <p>At the last meeting Ian Robertson asked the Board to look at the SNA summary as he needs approval from data owners for publication. He has not had written approval from everyone, please get in touch if you have not already done so. Acceptance of the document will be interpreted if he does not hear otherwise.</p>	

	<p>Action – Board to contact RK regarding the approval of the SNA.</p> <p>The Board noted the report.</p>	
5.	<p>Policy and governance Paper presented by Richard Kendall RK explained that national policy had evolved further. Serious Violence Duty (SVD) – the refresh of the guidance had been due in January but there was now no timescale for this. SVD funding had been offered at short notice. The Board discussed potential uses of the labour costs element.</p> <p>The Board delegated authority to the VPP Director to allocate SVD labour costs in consultation with CSP leads.</p> <p>Action – RK to convene meeting to discuss with CSPs.</p> <p>RK stated that SVD intervention costs are a small amount and that we have combined this in the past. An opportunity for a first aid-based intervention by St John Ambulance had been discussed with CSPs, and would be an appropriate use of the funds. The PCC had offered to match fund this. A discussion then took place regarding;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timetabling and capacity. • Delivery model. • Settings - Could it be delivered to Youth settings outside of term time? • Cohort - How is the 18 – 25yr old cohort targeted? <p>PB was keen to pursue alongside navigator referral. SM asked if it could be implemented on a local basis for uniformed cadets and groups of looked after children?</p> <p>TH stated that the content dealt with trauma and violence in trauma – that it was a unique offer and not the same as students are taught in the curriculum.</p> <p>The Board approved the allocation of £17,417.29 SVD intervention funds to the St John Ambulance project.</p> <p>Serious Violence Duty implementation- RK suggested an extra request to complete – from duty holders – to combine with the existing grant process, to feed into monitoring.</p> <p>The Board agreed to receive regular reports from SVD duty-holders, and to support the completion of these where applicable.</p> <p>RK reported on the Government’s potential expansion of the public health approach to a broader suite of harms.</p> <p>After discussion, the Board noted and recognised the potential implications and was supportive of the direction suggested. The Board agreed to begin local discussions, with a substantive discussion at a future Board meeting.</p> <p>VAWG – RK explained that the existing Humber VAWG strategic group had VPP and partner involvement, with CSPs and local partnerships already feeding in. Reports were already shared with the VPP Board. To avoid duplication, he therefore proposed adopting the group into VPP governance.</p>	RK

	<p>RK noted that the Response Strategy needed a refresh this year and a discussion will be required, in due course, on how to reflect the expanded public health approach.</p>	
7.	<p>Interventions Programme 2024/25 Paper presented by Pip Betts</p> <p>Kirsty Barr had completed the budget return for the Home Office. The small amounts of underspend had been reallocated during the final quarter to ensure full grant utilisation.</p> <p>The Board noted the latest progress report.</p>	
8.	<p>Interventions Programme 2025/26 Paper presented by Pip Betts</p> <p>PB stated that at the last meeting the Board had approved an outline budget and interventions programme before Home Office guidance had been published. We have now received confirmation of the funding based on the amount given in 2024/25.</p> <p>The Board noted the planned intervention delivery and the associated budget for 2025/26.</p> <p>PB explained the differences within the A & E Navigator programmes.</p> <p>North Bank; Clinically led Access to attendance data. Referral system is good and the Navigators are proactive in this.</p> <p>South Bank; Delivered by The Blue Door – VCSE non-profit. Need data access and an improved referral route. LG and JE offered help with this.</p> <p>PB stated that ISTV data of violence related admittance to hospital has improved through the Navigators' work. There may be an opportunity to expand the service through additional funding this year.</p> <p>The Board delegated authority to the VPP Director to make a further application for Navigator funding to enhance the current service, should an opportunity become available.</p> <p>PB explained that the focused deterrence task-and-finish group had met in March. All four areas in principle want to run a programme, however there is not enough money available to do this. There may be an opportunity to apply for more funding.</p> <p>Prof. Iain Brennan and colleagues had written a clear and helpful document of recommendations on how to set one up. This included data that was required before deciding to proceed.</p> <p>PC asked for ABH data not to be included as it could give a false reading. Could data be cross referenced for clarification that it is correct.</p> <p>PB explained the use of the YEF tool kit to identify potentially suitable wards.</p> <p>PC stated that there is an opportunity to use information from Op Prowess – 13 Hot Spot areas.</p>	

	<p>RK explained that some data is still required. SM stressed the importance of making quick process of the analysis and preparation to ensure sufficient time for delivery. He requested a timeline be set out and suggested the end of June.</p> <p>Action – PB to set out a timeline with the task and finish group.</p> <p>The Board noted the preparatory work that will be required to implement focused deterrence in accordance with YEF/Home Office guidance and agreed to coordinate this through the existing task-and finish group, with additional work likely to be required at local authority level.</p> <p>The Board delegated authority to the VPP Director to authorise the use of a proportion of the focused deterrence allocation to commission resources, expertise and support, as required, to support development of the intervention.</p>	PB
9.	<p>Emerging issues and risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roundtable contributions from members <p>CT, as NPCC data lead, explained that he was the Chair of the Central Data Management Hub. He informed the group that they were working on an embryonic piece of work, being developed by the Home Office, using police data and data sets. 43 Home Office governed forces are taking part. JE has had a briefing on this. He stated that VRUs may want some influence in this piece of work.</p> <p>TH stated her concerns with offenders being released with DA markers. She spoke of the work CM was undertaking – positive work within the prison setting that then projects to the communities. JE said he would have a conversation with TH regarding this.</p> <p>SM spoke of the new strategy that the CSP have developed for the next 3 years – cohesion and integration linked to the police and crime plan.</p> <p>The Board discussed the Hot Spot Action Fund and town centre safety.</p> <p>AD informed the Board of the development of a collaborative Board in the East Riding, which would be a place to share learning and top priorities. She spoke of a visit to Bridlington to experience Clear, Hold, Build and of a LA funding grant scheme.</p> <p>LG works across the Humber and North Yorkshire. She spoke of a Learning outcomes group/patient safety who had recently heard a case that brought conversation, regarding released offenders. There are increasing acts of violence against staff and families, pockets and incidents ranging from no harm to severe harm – sometimes picked up in the DHR's. She would welcome any programme to improve released offenders into communities considering vulnerabilities and health needs.</p> <p>Action – CM to link with LG.</p> <p>DP informed the Board that over a 3-year period there had been a steady rise of fires within cells and recognised there was work to do. He spoke of the work</p>	<p>JE/TH</p> <p>CM/LG</p>

	<p>SW was delivering – Youth Fire Setting Project - and explained that the Greater Manchester Fire Service had increased their cohort to adults too to further educate. A greater link is now recognised between mental health, fire setting and violence.</p> <p>GJ informed the Board of a VAWG training event for St John Ambulance cadets, 23rd June, 6.00pm – 8.00pm, for 11 – 18 year olds. The training emulates bystander intervention training and is applicable and appropriate. She asked for volunteers to help facilitate the training as there are plans to host 3 workshops.</p> <p>PC gave thanks to DP and the HFRS after an issue had taken place within his LA area.</p>	
10.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>None.</p>	
	<p>Future Meetings</p> <p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>Friday 18th July 2025 10.00am – 12.00pm Aura Innovation Centre.</p> <p>Friday 17th October 2025 10.00am – 12.00pm Aura Innovation Centre.</p> <p>Friday 30th January 2026 10.00am – 12.00pm Aura Innovation Centre.</p> <p>Friday 1st May 2026 10.00am – 12.00pm Aura Innovation Centre.</p> <p>Friday 17th July 2026 10.00am – 12.00pm Aura Innovation Centre.</p>	