

## Meeting Minutes

### Humber Violence Prevention Partnership Board

Location: Aura Innovation Centre

Date: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
1.	<p><b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b></p> <p>JE chaired the meeting and welcomed the Board.</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Members and Deputies</u></b> Jonathan Evison (JE) Chair Sarah Wilkinson (SW) Humberside Fire and Rescue Service Gemma Jennison (GJ) Voluntary and Community Sector Georgia Ewen (GE) ER Youth Justice Tracy Harsley (TH) Hull CC/Safer Hull CSP Gail Teasdale (GT) ICB CC Chris Todd (CT) Humberside Police Phil Mountain-Wade (PMW) Education Sector Pauline Turner (PT) HCC/Hull Youth Justice Julie Wilburn (JW) ICB Sonja Harrison (SH) Probation Service Philippa Harding (PH) HMP Hull Tracey Coyne (TC) NL CSP</p> <p><b><u>Core Member Representatives</u></b> ACC Andy Walker (AW) Humberside Police Louise Hamson (LH) Hull Youth Justice Catherine Jones (CJ) ICB Katy Stevenson (KS) Hull CC/Safer Hull CSP</p> <p><b><u>Advisers</u></b> Dr Victoria Burton (VB) University of Hull</p> <p><b><u>Observers</u></b> Rachael Schleicher (RS) Youth Justice Board</p> <p><b><u>VPP Officers</u></b> Richard Kendall (RK) VPP Director Carole Baker (CB) Administrative Support Officer Pip Betts (PB) Programme Manager Ian Robertson (IR) Data and Analysis Manager Marie Morgan (MM) Public Health Business Manager Amna Ijaz (AI) Graduate Research Assistant</p>	

	<p><b><u>Apologies</u></b></p> <p>Paul Caswell MBE  Marcella Goligher  Iain Brennan  Nicola J O'Leary  Spencer Hunt  Stuart Minto  Rebecca Freeman  Sally Adegbembo  Zoe Grindle  Clare Matthews  Merlin Joseph  Angela Dearing  Mike Walker  Paula South  Laura Booth</p>	
2.	<p><b>Declaration of interests</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Minutes of the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and matters arising</b></p> <p><b>The minutes were approved.</b></p>	
4.	<p><b>Progress Update</b>  <b>Paper presented by Richard Kendall</b></p> <p>RK explained that clarity on policy and funding has been delayed due to the Government reshuffle. The funding settlement is likely to be announced late December. However, he is expecting reassurance earlier. There is a risk to procured services that need to be recommissioned after 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026, including A&amp;E Navigators for the south bank. Collectively VRUs have put through papers to help with the decision.</p> <p>JE asked if we could work at risk to keep the full A&amp;E Navigator service going. <b>Action – JE and RK to discuss the risk management of commissioned services.</b></p> <p>RK informed the Board that the VPP budget was in a good position midway through the year.</p> <p>The Home Office would not be providing additional funding for the shared data platform this financial year. We do have contingency, but it will slow the development beyond the current phase.</p> <p>The underspend in staffing has been addressed, 3 new roles have been created to bring the hub team back up to a healthier strength.</p> <p>Accounting for youth voice within the VPP has been a continuing issue. After further discussion a role was developed, and we have a tender out for support with mapping and collation.</p>	JE/RK

	<p><b>The Board noted the report.</b></p> <p><b>The Board were asked to consider nominations for the chair of the EVAWG Board – request sent for nominations in email 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2025.</b></p> <p><b>The Board were reminded to consider signing up to the White Ribbon campaign.</b></p>	
5.	<p><b>Delivery Plan and SV Duty monitoring Paper presented by Richard Kendall</b></p> <p>RK explained the increase of red actions was due to gaps in partner reporting and some had since been addressed. Focused Deterrence is no longer proceeding, and the action will therefore be closed.</p> <p>RK thanked the Board for their contributions – they demonstrate a whole range projects that partners are doing.</p> <p>RK highlighted partner feedback on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The difficulties with accessing data and requests for support with this.</li> <li>• Evaluation support for knife crime programmes – to look at what might be possible.</li> <li>• CSPs to meet more regularly with the VPP.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action - Reinstate regular CSP meetings with the VPP.</b></p> <p>GT spoke of the system wide approach to reducing exclusions, the need to be mindful of those who are neurodiverse. York and Glasgow are doing good work on this, working with schools, sharing findings.</p> <p>PT stated that all CEOs of MATs in Hull have committed to attending workshops to work with health to become trauma informed. She will link GT to David for communication. She reiterated the need to share knowledge and good practice.</p> <p>GT and PT highlighted issues with national policy and inspection frameworks for schools, while VB noted that policy set at MAT level does not always allow for flex.</p> <p>RK informed the Board of the status of Serious Violence Duty funding and the challenge to find eligible spend. Further discussion was required with ER CSP.</p> <p><b>The Board considered the issues and noted the report.</b></p>	<p><b>RK/CLB</b></p> <p><b>RK</b></p>
6.	<p><b>Interventions Programme Paper presented by Pip Betts</b></p> <p>PB explained that due to restrictions and the tight development timeline there was insufficient capacity to implement the focused deterrence model at this time and that funds needed to be reallocated.</p>	

	<p>Following an exercise to identify options, the proposal was to allocate the funding to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing interventions that could expand provision for cohorts currently under-served.</li> <li>• Training for interventions and partners.</li> </ul> <p><b>The Board noted the contents of the report.</b></p> <p><b>The Board approved the reallocation of funds to enhance delivery over the remainder of the funding period until 31 March 2026, pending Home Office approval.</b></p> <p><b>The Board gave delegated authority to the VPP Director to reallocate any further identified underspend that occurs as part of contract extension negotiations, intervention underspend etc.</b></p>	
7.	<p><b>Spotlight on trauma informed approaches (Background paper as previously circulated)</b></p> <p>TH informed the Board of the trauma informed practice and training that HCC were undertaking. They had received lottery funding. Although a huge amount of training had been completed there are still pockets within the organisation where it was yet to be provided.</p> <p>PT added that there was evidence that all partnership services understood the impact of trauma informed approaches. She questioned how we hold ourselves accountable, as there is no real governance. It is the right thing to do, however, how do we know it makes a difference?</p> <p>GT explained that it needed to be embedded at induction – cultural change is a challenge.</p> <p>It was stated that it was a journey, a growth in staff, that expectations should be explained at induction. The need for buy in from the top. It's quite difficult on the journey. There had been a system change and therefore data was not well recorded. Actual direct work is difficult. They work with families and others rather than specifically with the child. They use a tool kit to map progress. Team base level maps progression to becoming trauma informed. They receive quarterly assurance and Youth Justice share information.</p> <p>CJ informed the Board that Alex Macnamara has taken on the trauma informed work in Hull. The ERYC and NELC were working on a trauma informed pledge. The offer of training and use of a toolkit would be taken up.</p> <p>PMW is working with VB on the impact of violence on staff in schools. It was easy to acknowledge the need to become trauma informed but difficult to put into practice.</p>	

	<p>VB informed the Board of the HU9 project. It was 3 years of hard work but there were markers of change along the journey. When done well the benefits are quite significant.</p> <p>A discussion then took place regarding the removal of phones in schools and the pros and cons of this.</p> <p>GT stated that there was good work taking place in the custody suites, recognising the reasons behind offending. AW added that there had been significant change in custody now that staff are trauma informed.</p> <p>PH informed the Board that being trauma informed was a key priority in prisons however, there is no sustained training at present.</p> <p>SH stated that Being Trauma informed should start at court, not asking to repeat their journey. It should be a person centered approach. The foundations are in place for this.</p> <p>GE added a self-assessment is completed on the child first. A conference was held on this. All staff are trauma informed, this is kept up to date with refresher courses. The paperwork is child friendly. It is not necessary for the child to go to court. The police are doing a good job managing children in custody. Children are only in custody for a short time.</p> <p>JE stated that there were many alternative options to taking children to court.</p> <p>CT highlighted the reduction in drug offences committed by children.</p> <p>GT reported that these were positive conversations, honest reflections. It is a huge step forward.</p> <p>PB informed the Board of the 'appropriate language' webinar being organised by the VPP – 300 signups to date – partners have received invitations.</p> <p>RK summed up that the Board had taken assurance of work under way across the system, which contributed to the priority identified in the Response Strategy. While no specific additional actions had been identified from the discussion, the VPP could assist if requirements changed.</p> <p><b>The Board agreed that the Humber VPP would continue to promote and embed trauma informed practices.</b></p>	
8.	<p><b>ICB Changes</b> <b>Update provided by Julie Wilburn</b></p> <p>JW informed the Board of the announcement in March to abolish NHS England and reduce the amount of funding that ICBs receive.</p>	

	<p>There is a great deal of uncertainty around what direction the new strategic commissioned organisation will take. Details re the removal of safeguarding arrangements from the ICB have yet to be confirmed. They are not yet in the consultation phase; however, all the uncertainty has a detrimental effect on staff. She stated that the staff were a credit to the organisation, delivering services under these conditions.</p> <p>JE expressed empathy for the staff in this situation and hoped that they can get through the uncertainty.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Young Futures Panel (YFP) pilot</b> <b>Update provided by Katy Stevenson</b></p> <p>KS explained that the panels are funded by the Home Office. Hull's Youth Partnership Panel (YPP) pilot aims to intervene early to prevent children (10 to 17 years or up to 25 years if they have a EHCP or are a care leaver) entering the criminal justice system and becoming further involved in crime or antisocial behaviour by offering voluntary support to young people and their families upon a recent arrest or contact with police.</p> <p>PT added that the panel focusses on a different cohort to existing arrangements. They have completed work that avoids adultification. The first panel is this week. There is Home Office guidance however there is room for some local freedom.</p> <p>KS provided data that noted an increase in 2025 of the number of 'child in contact with the police' and the number of 'multiple contact with the police under the age of 10'.</p> <p>New 18-month posts have been created for Intervention Officers. There was also additional funding for interventions. Provision is currently available for secondary school aged children but it needs to be taken to younger children given the data. RK added that other VRUs are seeing similar in their areas.</p> <p>LH explained how she had tracked cases of repeat offenders back to them starting out under 10 and evidencing traumatised behaviour.</p> <p>CT said he had seen the value of data science work in uncovering such trends in previous roles.</p> <p><b>Action – Deeper dive into the under-10s cohort for next year's SNA.</b></p> <p><b>Action – More detailed data to be provided by KS on the YFP at the next meeting.</b></p>	<p>IR</p> <p>KS</p>

10.	<p><b>Data and Analysis</b>  <b>Paper presented by Ian Robertson</b></p> <p>The data sharing protocol has been refreshed. If agreed, the protocol will be sent to the nominated signatories who can authorise the sharing of data and to their Data Protection Officer (DPO) who can assist in the development of Information Sharing Agreements (ISAs). The updated data sharing protocol asks for the support of partners to work towards the requirement of named person data (defined as Level 3 data by the Home Office), where this is appropriate. The Board previously agreed this as a priority for the year. The rationale for this level of data includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To better identify young people at risk of involvement in serious violence.</li> <li>• To support the operation of Young Futures Panels (YFP).</li> <li>• To fulfil the requirements of an 'impact' evaluation as defined by the Home Office.</li> </ul> <p><b>The Board noted the requirements for Level 3 data sharing.</b>  <b>The Board noted the analytical and data sharing work conducted in Q2.</b>  <b>The Board noted the delay in the Intentional Injury chapter and SNA submission by written procedure.</b></p> <p>CT anticipated that the recommendations from the Southport inquiry would be to share more across multi agency partnerships. PT stated that the DA profile piece demonstrated that partners are much better at sharing – how can we assure ourselves that we are using data properly.</p> <p><b>Action – Future spotlight item on DA, drawing on the recently completed profile.</b></p> <p>PT asked what other VRUs do with data beyond producing SNAs – how is this shared and used across partnerships?</p> <p><b>Action – Explore how other VRUs and their partners use data operationally</b></p> <p>KS spoke of the strategic join up of SNA's. SH and DH are working together. Its on the agenda for the next Hull perpetrator meeting. GT had noted that police recorded DA has reduced, however demand on services is increasing. IR stated that DA was significantly under reported.</p> <p><b>Action – IR to follow up with subject matter expert and feedback.</b></p> <p>GJ was concerned that a considerable amount of work was being done raising the profile of DA – that the efforts being made should hopefully increase the reporting/referrals being made. It is not a good shift if they are not reporting to police but heading straight for services.</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>RK</p> <p>RK/IR</p> <p>IR</p>
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11.	<p><b>Evaluation</b>  <b>Paper delivered by Dr Victoria Burton</b></p> <p>VB informed that she had taken over as evaluation lead from Prof. Simon Green.</p> <p>The youth survey, devised by Charlotte and Simon, had been piloted, given to the interventions lead. VB is writing a paper on it.</p> <p>There have been some minor delays, however she is on track with evaluations.</p> <p>Over the next few months, she will be asking for volunteers to talk to about working in VRU's to feed into the process evaluation, building on February's "Road Ahead" report.</p> <p>VB had spoken to several people in other areas who would like to work with us and asked the Board for approval of this.</p> <p><b>The Board approved the proposal and welcomed future input from the individuals VB suggested.</b></p>	
12.	<p><b>National VRU practice</b></p> <p>Item postponed due to time. Board members are asked to send any feedback via email.</p>	All
13.	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>CT informed the Board of changes to police personnel due to Chief Superintendent promotions.</p>	
	<p><b>Future Meetings</b>  <b>Next Meeting:</b>  Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026 10.00am – 12.00pm Aura Innovation Centre.  Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026 10.00am – 12.00pm Aura Innovation Centre.  Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026 10.00am – 12.00pm Aura Innovation Centre.</p>	