

Building Safer Communities Forum



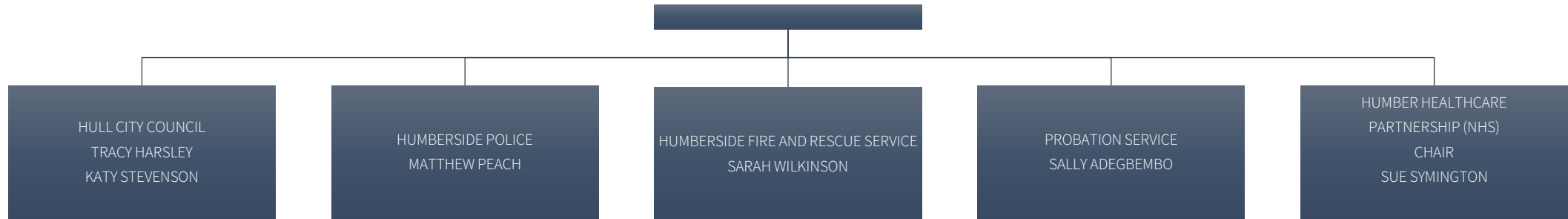


About us

Martin has 20 years of experience, a former student of the University of Manchester,

- **Master's in Adult Education - , Literacy, and Community-Based Development.**
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Community Safety Partnership (Safer Hull)





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Introduction

Building Safer Communities Forum

Developed between 2016 -2019, guided by the Hull City Council Leadership Board, Voluntary Community Sector Liaison Group, Hull City Council Tracy Harsley and the Humberside Police Assistant Chief Constable Scott Young.

Safer Hull - Hull Community Safety Partnership (CSP)

- City Safe , Hull City Council
- Humberside Police
- Humberside Fire Probation Service
- Multi-Agency Partnership work together with other local agencies
- Established by the Crime and disorder Act 1998, to Reduce Crime And disorder

Specific duties of Community Safety Partnerships

- Anti- social behaviour (ASB) and Disorder
- Violence against Women, Domestic abuse and sexual Violence
- Terrorism and extremism
- Racism and Hate Crime
- Substance Misuse and Alcoholism
- Youth Justice
- Safer Neighbourhoods

What is the Voluntary Community Sector

All organisations operating outside the Formal state or public sphere
that are not trading commercially for profit in the market.

- Third Sector (TS);
- Civil Society Organisations (CSOs);
- Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs),
- Registered charities, unregistered,
- Informal community groups,
- Social Enterprises,
- cooperatives and mutuals, not-for-profit companies,
- Community Interest Companies and Companies Limited by Guarantee
- Churches, Mosques, Sikh Temples,
- Frontline voluntary organisations,
- Private sector and social enterprise responsibilities.
- All organisations, private sector, with social corporate responsibility

Characteristics

They share a broad common theme of being values-driven.

Many have a small core of paid staff but rely on volunteers.

They are flexible and contribute quietly to community safety services using unpaid volunteers Can reduce costs a mechanism for creating value.

They are not part of the ‘mainstream’ Voluntary sector.

Services

- Provide services such as training, information, Capacity building, policy lobbying work
- Protected characteristics within the Equalities Act 2010
- Using early intervention measures, Innovative, person centered
- Can highly varies intervention with diverse and changing populations who have complex needs
- Explore how to embed the Social Value Act locally
- Design services differently – from Statutory bodies - to maximise social value/NHS, Housing, Probation etc

What the VCS Sector Brings To The Table

- Innovative
- Flexible
- Person-centred approach—and also ethnographic approach
- Further work on Mentoring, coaching
- Outcome focused
- case studies and take findings to Community Safety Partnership & Police Crime Commissioner
- VCS work involves different themes: that fill gaps, 'added value'
- Mental health and criminal justice/working with Mental

What we can Deliver to Help meet a Safer Hull

- VCS work involves different themes: that fill gaps what 'added value'
- What can they bring and how they can help in design and delivery
- Mental health and criminal justice/working with Mental Health Providers forum
- Reduce Fear of Crime
- Raise Awareness of Community Safety at Local Level
- Improving education, training and employment prospects
- New data collection methods, community intelligence, as part of JSNA that statutory miss.
- Cultural differences commonly found between the CJS and VCSE Sector

Community Safety Affect Health and Wellbeing?

- Unsafe Neighbourhoods have an effect on health
- Social isolation and Loneliness
- Keep people indoors
- No exercise
- Stress, depression, anxiety
- Ill health, diseases

Building Safer Communities Forum

The Role of the Forum

1. To improve engagement between the Voluntary and Community Sector and the Public Sector, CSP, Police, Probation, NHS and Fire Services
2. To provide an arena for discussion and debate and have voice and influence within the strategic decision making of Community Safety partnerships.
3. The Forum and its VCS members are committed to developing and maintaining services to support prevention and intervention.
4. We will raise the profile of the VCS and highlight areas of expertise and provision.
5. Members bring knowledge, skills and expertise to the Forum gained through working with the diverse range of communities within it.

Overview of What/ How VCS Looks Like In Hull?/Where The Gaps Are?

To bring together agencies that specialises in criminal justice system. Variety of views to be fed into the Forum from organisations with a wealth of experience.

Work strategically alongside colleagues from the public sector.

Develop collaborative relationships with the public sector.

to be well linked in multi-agency strategic planning

Develop a joined-up approach, and work across agencies.

Talking to Ethnic Minorities -Front line workers

To support projects which seek to bring communities together to tackle local issues, Create spaces for discussions, improving trust and understanding

VCSE Innovative provision/ e.g. community based prevent duty learning

Building Safer Communities

Forum VCS Group

AIMS

a) The programme will involve voluntary community organisations who specialise in working in Hull's communities to reduce crime and improve public safety.

b) It will include organisations that work in the fields of housing, employment, training, and education, Sports, Culture and Arts with the aim to reduce crime.

c) The VCS have a voice in the sector acknowledging the work they do and where it is influencing and contributing to community safety.

d) To maximise resources amongst the VCS, share information about good practice

e) ensure the VCS is able to influence policy makers the Community Safety Partnership

f) To provide good value for money for the tax payers of Hull.

Building Safer Communities Forum VCS Group

PURPOSE

- a) Influence local policy; communicate the need for local and information sharing
- b) Partnership working to maximise resources and highlight gaps and opportunities.
- c) Community priorities to develop new services
- d) To bring VCS with common interest together on the table, share good practice.
- e) To be a direct link with community safety partnership, agencies, HCC, Police

Group Discussion

- Group 1

- Group 2

Structure

Quorum

We suggested that this was not set at a high number and left out if we could

Governance

We suggested that this was kept as simple as possible

Action points or minutes. If there is funding for some administration, we agreed that we could continue with minutes and have separate sections points, If there is no funding for administration we agreed that we would just

Forum Steering Group

The group will be responsible for the development and activities of the forum.

The group will consist of member organisations, elected officers and community representatives.

FORUM SUB-GROUPS

Members with an interest in particular areas can form specialist task groups subject to approval from the Forum Steering Group.

Structure

Representation

Representatives from the Forum will be s/elected to represent the Forum on various strategic bodies and related subgroups.

S/Election of Officers

Elected Officers will serve for a term of 2 years from the date of Election

The wider membership of the Forum and external partners will be

Declaration of Interest

Forum members may occasionally have a specific interest in the matters under discussion.

When these matters involve financial gain and/or interest, a full declaration of interest must be made and no participation in any vote, decision-making or endorsement of proposals on the matter will be allowed.

Structure

Recruitment of 5 VCS Representatives

We discussed whether this should just be 5 people or open to a wider audience of people. The danger of a small number of people is that they drop out and then nothing happens. We also suggested that the group should recruit the members as the CSP are likely to be far too busy to be able to deliver a recruitment process. To look recruitment in different ways

To identify the potential candidates for inclusion and let the CSPB and HCC to decide and approve.

Increasing our Impact in areas of Low Activity

Using specialist techniques, participatory approaches for public engagement. Serve to highlight respect of community involvement, innovative practice

Work alongside local communities, smaller groups and make representations. Build public confidence in communities and agencies

Connecting across VCS, communities of interest - identity and geography. VCSE bring in money e.g in the sector.

Encourage engagement between different communities and cultures, unheard, sharing relevant information and ensuring. Giving communities more control and having a voice, to deal with their own problems, feel safe and build healthy relationship.