

Scrutiny & Overview Committee: Safer Croydon Partnership (SCP)

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SCP- activity overview

- Implemented refreshed executive and board arrangements to make better progress on priorities
- Thematic boards embedded to oversee delivery of key work strands
- Key focus on thematic issue each meeting allows for detailed attention to be given to each priority area

SCP- key work over the next year

- Develop new Community Safety Strategy that embeds Violence reduction
 - Ambition to genuinely co-produce the strategy
 - Strategy will embed our public health approach
 - Strategy will develop and embed our network approach so everyone in Croydon can understand the role they can play

How does Scrutiny and Overview want to be involved?

Strengths

- Performance headlines (in main report) are strong or moving in the right direction
- Attendance, engagement and participation of the executive board is strong
- Partner engagement on thematic and programme boards has improved since last year
- VCS representation across the partnership structure is now embedded
- Our success in securing external funding to meet our priorities continues (see main report)

Weaknesses

- Administration and staff support for programme boards is a challenge for some partners
- Not all partners contribute equally e.g. only the CCG and the Council contribute to DHR costs
- Resources of partners limit activity that can be undertaken to deliver the strategic aims of the SCP
- Our use of data to identify problems, develop solutions and evaluate whether they are working needs further development.

Opportunities

- Building on our existing work to refocus the SCP towards violence reduction
- Taking a holistic view of violence and its drivers through a public health approach
- A networked approach that uses all the assets in the borough not just statutory services
- Investing in our analytical capacity to improve the evidence base for our approaches and to assess whether or not they work
- Viewed as a strong partner for external funders

Threats

- There remains a reliance on external funding which is often short term
- The creation and stabilisation of the police's BCU area has caused churn in some senior officers
- There remain some concerns about sharing and use of partner data
- A public health approach is a long term and pressure for results could undermine its effectiveness