

Health & Social Care Integration

Briefing Paper on Delegated Functions – Community Safety

Current Arrangements and Partnership Working

Community safety is a set of functions and responsibilities that currently report into the Community Safety and Resilience Board which is established to deliver on behalf of the Shetland Partnership on the 'Safer' strand of the Shetland Performance Framework, namely: *“Shetland stays a safe place to live and we have strong, resilient and supportive communities.”*

The Community Safety & Resilience Board has no formal decision making powers but takes its direction from and reports to the Shetland Partnership as well as individual agencies reporting through their respective Committees/Boards.

Current Functions

Services included under Community Safety:

Emergency Planning and Resilience service for Shetland Islands Council which consists of the Emergency Planning Officer and Support Officer, who also provide a service to NHS Shetland to support the Emergency Planning and Resilience responsibilities of the Director of Public Health (the NHS lead for Emergency Planning and Business Continuity). The team supports the work of the Shetland multi-agency Emergency Planning Forum and Executive which are responsible for local multi-agency preparedness and response.

Costs - SIC to be confirmed, include £20,000 from NHS Shetland.

The Council's Emergency Planning and Resilience service is managed through Corporate Services within Council.

This service covers all Council business, as well the NHS Service Level Agreement that contributes to Board wide responsibilities and the recommendation would be that it remains outwith the Integration Body.

The work of the **Community Safety Officer** whose role is "to project manage specific community safety initiatives", which include anti-bullying, human trafficking, tackling crime and fear of crime, domestic abuse. These initiatives are driven and supported by multi-agency partnerships, and rely on the resources of the contributing organisations to deliver their programmes.

The Community Safety Officer post has recently become vacant, and responsibilities are being carried as an interim arrangement by the Council's Safety and Risk Manager.

Future Involvement in Integration

Much of the work of these initiatives involved the services that will be delegated into the Integration Partnership, and they have key relationships or responsibilities for delivery within health and social care services that will be delegated. If the Community Safety Officer is to be replaced, consideration should be given to placing it within the devolved services.

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Terms that need explaining:

Delegation = handover

Governance = management

Localities – services being provided as close to home as possible within local communities, planning for services at local level, and how local communities can have more say in those services and in decisions about how public money is spent.