

**Minutes of the meeting of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership  
held in Conference Room, Magherafelt on Tuesday 29 January 2019 at 6.00pm**

- Present:** Councillor Denise Mullen (Chair), Councillor Frances Burton, Councillor Robert Colvin, Councillor Clement Cuthbertson, Councillor Derek McKinney
- Fiona Crawford, Mark Farquhar, Ursula Marshall, Martina Watson
- Michael Dallat (NIHE), Constable Jonny Ellis (PSNI) Inspector Joanne Gibson (PSNI), Sergeant Beverley Knipe (PSNI), Chief Inspector Mervyn Seffen (PSNI), Constable Emma Wilkinson (PSNI)
- Apologies:** Councillor Phelim Gildernew, Councillor Sean McPeake, Liam Duggan (Vice Chair), Sinead Dolan (YJA), Michelle Grant (PBNI), Liz McGrath (SH&SCT), Patsy Begley (NIFRS), Brian Coombes (NIFRS), Inspector Danny Walsh (PSNI)
- In Attendance:** Michael McCrory (PSCP Manager), Celene O'Neill (PCSP Officer), Annette McGahan (PCSP Officer), Shauna McCloskey (PCSP Officer), Martina McCullagh (PCSP Assistant)

The Meeting started at 6.00pm

**PCSP111/19 WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Members were informed the PSNI would be providing a presentation on 'Mid Ulster Support Hub' this evening.

**PCSP112/19 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Members were reminded of their obligation in relation to declarations of interest.

**PCSP113/19 MATTERS ARISING**

No matters arising.

**PCSP114/19 PSNI PRESENTATION – MID ULSTER SUPPORT HUB**

A short video on an established 'Support Hub' was shown to Members. Constable Ellis advised there is a number of Support Hubs already established in other districts and are proving very successful. Constable Ellis provided the following information;

- All Partner agencies will sign a 'confidential' agreement at the outset in relation to Data Protection Regulations
- Any Partner agency can make a referral to the Support Hub
- Outside agencies can also bring a vulnerable person to the attention of the Support Hub

- Partner agency must ensure a consent form is completed by the vulnerable person
- Minimal documents to be retained, individuals will not be referred to by name

Members were supportive of the introduction of a Support Hub in Mid Ulster, the following comments were made;

- In response to a question from Councillor Burton in relation to running costs, Sergeant Knipe advised administration costs would be the main expense, which would be provided by PSNI.
- Chief Inspector Seffen advised they are presently liaising with Statutory Agencies, but confirmed there will also be close collaboration with non-partner agencies.

### **PCSP115/19 PCSP DRAFT STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN 2019-22**

The PCSP Manager referred to the Draft Strategy & Action Plan 2019-22, which was presented at the PCSP meeting on 12 December 2018. Approval in principal is being sought, after which the Joint Committee may seek clarification on any queries they may have.

The PCSP Manager provided the following information;

- The budget has not yet been finalised, therefore, 2018/19 figures are shown
- In response to a question from Councillor Burton regarding the continued suitability of the Thematic Groups, the PCSP Manager advised they tie in with the three Strategic Priorities, a delivery mechanism that continues to work. This Action Plan is current, but if other issues arise, it can be altered to deal with a change in priorities.
- Responding to a question from Mark Farquhar regarding what support is being provided to those with disabilities, the PCSP Manager stated that PCSP do not distinctly target disability groups, but if there are specific issues these can be further discussed at upcoming meetings. Members were advised both Sperrinview Special School, Dungannon and Kilonan School, Magherafelt have benefitted from Domestic Violence programmes delivered by Mid Ulster Women's Aid.

The PCSP Draft Strategy & Action Plan 2019-22 was approved by Members.

**Proposed: Michael Dallat**  
**Seconded: Councillor Robert Colvin**

### **PCSP116/19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business.

### **PCSP117/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next PCSP meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 March 2019 in Council Chamber, Dungannon at 6.00pm.

The meeting ended at 6.37pm

All members were present for the duration of the meeting except Councillor Frances Burton who arrived at 6.01pm, Sergeant Beverley Knipe who arrived at 6.05pm, Councillor Derek McKinney who arrived at 6.06pm and Councillor Robert Colvin who arrived at 6.08pm.