

**COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING**

Tuesday 17th April 2018

PRESENT

Mark Burns-Williamson – West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)

Jayne Sykes – Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Dee Collins – Chief Constable (CC)

Andy Battle – Assistant Chief Constable (ACC)

Catherine Hankinson – Assistant Chief Constable (ACC)

Benn Kemp – Detective Inspector (DI)

APOLOGIES

None

ALSO PRESENT

Sharon Waugh – Engagement Manager

Celeste Armitage - Engagement Officer

Pamela Quinn – Sergeant

David Iveson – Digital Communications Officer

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4. **Cyber Crime**

The PCC introduced the first topic on the agenda, Cyber Crime and stated that the monies made available 3 years ago to develop the Cyber Crime team in West Yorkshire had been money well spent.

CC Collins stated that this included cyber enabled and cyber dependant crimes which were evolving rapidly and required a different set of skills to deal with this crime type. WYP were at the forefront of ideas compared to other forces. DI Kemp presented the paper which provided an update since the last report in August 2017 and said that the threat had reduced slightly.

The full report can be accessed [here](https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/media/139424/item_4_-_cybercrime.pdf).

CC Collins had agreed to an uplift in specialist officers to allow for a significantly improved victim experience and investigation process. Following the precept approval the PCC had also provided an uplift of officers and a 24-7 response capability for cyber-crime.

The PCC commented it was really good news about the 100% accuracy in the flagging of cyber-crimes as he knew historically this had been an issue, and asked if DI Kemp could describe this work in more detail and how it would continue?

DI Kemp described 2 primary areas of focus, completely by intelligence units which would provide an accurate picture of offending. They had been able to provide direct feedback to officers who might have got it wrong previously. This work was originally piloted in Bradford but was now daily business. The PCC asked for examples of how someone could follow up on one of these flags to be included in the next report.

The PCC asked whether there had been any interest from other forces about the training which WYP had developed for Digital Media Investigators. DI Kemp informed the PCC that this was the first time this type of training had been done and that it was deemed as exceptional through the investment. This could provide opportunities around income generation from other forces.

CC Collins said there had been a delay due to waiting for the College of Policing Accreditation and that they were keeping their eye on what this meant for the forensic regulator aspect. The PCC said that they were dealing with the standards of accreditation in forensics in other aspects of work so it was good that WYP are thinking of this.

The PCC asked whether any more could be explained about the NPCC pilot and how it was expected to impact on WYP’s current cyber response. CC Collins informed the PCC that WYP volunteered to be involved in the regional response and had been awarded the pilot stage. There had been recognition from the North East to work together where possible and they were in the early days of discussion around what exactly this might look like.

She also mentioned that driving this could have a resource implication and DI Kemp stated there was no requirement for restructure. The PCC stated that it had been a unanimous agreement from Yorkshire, Humber and North East PCC’s that cyber-crime is a top issue. CC Collins said it was important to seek best practice from each region and would rather West Yorkshire lead as they were at the forefront.

Finally, the PCC asked whether there had been any advancement of the projects mentioned in the previous COM report from the Police Knowledge Fund. DI Kemp informed the PCC that DCI Vanessa Smith had been working with the College of Policing on a national roll out of the materials developed; the pilot would ensure it was successful nationally.

**Action – Future cybercrime updates (next report January 2019) to have an analysis of the data on significant increases in appropriately flagged crimes, and some examples of the follow up process.**