



West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel

Draft Minutes

5th May 2017, Wakefield Town Hall

PRESENT:	Councillor Alison Lowe (Chair)	- Leeds City Council
	Councillor Tariq Hussain	- Bradford Council
	Councillor Andrew Mallinson	- Bradford Council
	Councillor Steve Pullen	- Bradford Council
	Councillor Steve Sweeney	- Calderdale Council
	Councillor Linda Wilkinson	- Kirklees Council
	Councillor Josephine Jarosz	- Leeds City Council
	Councillor Steve Tulley	- City of Wakefield MDC
	Councillor Alan Wassell	- City of Wakefield MDC
	Mrs Jo Sykes	- Independent
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mark Tolson	- City of Wakefield MDC
	Samantha Wilkinson	- City of Wakefield MDC

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Chris Pearson, Amanda Carter, Mumtaz Hussain and Mr Roger Grasby.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th March 2017

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a correct record; there were no matters arising.

3. To note any items which the Chair has agreed to add to the agenda on the grounds of urgency.

- 3.1 The Chair confirmed that there were no items to add to the agenda.

4. Members' Declaration of Interests

- 4.1 Councillor Alison Lowe declared an interest as she is CEO of Touchstone which has contracts with the WYCRC.

- 4.2 Councillor Josephine Jarosz declared an interest as she is a trustee of Touchstone which has contracts with the WYCRC.

Mark Burns-Williamson, the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire, Susan Field, Interim Chief Executive and Trish Holder, OPCC Head of Delivery attended the meeting for items 5 – 12

5. Moving from National Re-offender Management Services (NOMS) to Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRC's)

- 5.1 The Commissioner presented the report which had been written by the West Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Company for information which gives a brief overview of the services that they deliver working with offenders across West Yorkshire.
- 5.2 It was noted that the performance figures are adjusted by the Home Office and there is a time-lag in terms of when the data is available. The next set of data is to be published in October 2017.
- 5.3 Panel noted that the re-offending figure in West Yorkshire is around 34% with the average re-offences per offender at 3.74 which puts West Yorkshire around mid-league across force areas.
- 5.4 Panel asked the Commissioner about his interactions with the CRC and whether there are opportunities to improve re-offending rates.
- 5.5 The Commissioner stated that now that the new companies have become more established, he is keen to work more closely with them going forward. Panel noted that the CRC are represented on the PCC's Partnership Exec Group, the Out of Court Disposal Scrutiny Panel and the Reducing Re-offending Strategy Group. The CRC are a key partner in the development of the Reducing Re-offending Strategy which is item 6 on this agenda.
- 5.6 Panel asked for some more detail on the re-offending figures for West Yorkshire. It was noted that the re-offending figures based on one year proven reoffending for adult offenders managed in the community CRCs will be published in October 2017. Susan Field agreed to ask the CRC for a more detailed breakdown of the figures that are already available to circulate to the Panel.
- 5.7 It was agreed that it would be helpful to bring a report back on CRC's when the full first year's figures are available in the autumn.

5.8 RESOLVED

- 5.8.1 Susan Field to ask the CRC to provide more detail on the re-offending figures for West Yorkshire.
- 5.8.2 That a further report on CRC's Re-offending Strategy be brought to Panel when the full first year's figures are available in the autumn.

6. Re-Offending Strategy Update

- 6.1 Susan Field gave Panel an overview of the importance of working with partners to develop a Re-offending Strategy and how this fits with the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan.
- 6.2 It was noted that the Board are currently in the engagement period of developing the strategy. Susan outlined the key areas that the Board are looking at as it is developed. It was noted that some information sharing agreements have been put in place and others are being developed to support delivery and service integration over time.
- 6.3 Panel asked what the trend was in terms of the current figure of 49% of people in custody having an identifiable mental health problem. SF agreed to provide information on how this is reflected over time. Susan informed Panel of the importance of having the NHS on Board and the positive work that is already being undertaken with the use of mental health nurses and street triage services.
- 6.4 It was noted that Susan Field was the lead officer for developing the strategy and that negotiations were taking place with the OPCC to extend her initial secondment to ensure that this work was taken forward.

6.5 RESOLVED

- 6.5.1 That the Panel be updated on progress in due course and that the update includes an overview of the trend and interventions made around re-offenders with identified mental health problems.

7. Taxi Licensing De-Regulation

- 7.1 Consideration was given to a report of the PCC setting out the work that the Commissioner had been involved in regarding concerns about the deregulation of taxi licensing together with updating the Panel specifically on Sections 10 and 11 of the Deregulation Act 2015.
- 7.2 The PCC has responded to concerns that had been raised over a number of years about private hire vehicles operating in West Yorkshire. Such concerns had preceded the 2015 Deregulation Act. As each Licensing Authority set its own conditions on licensing there was concern that drivers from licensing authorities with lower standards were able to operate in the County. The Commissioner stated that safeguarding issues are at the heart of his concerns and this is what his involvement has concentrated on.
- 7.3 The Panel Chair thanked the Commissioner for his work on this and particularly for meeting with taxi drivers and working with partners to resolve some of the concerns in the area.
- 7.4 Panel raised concerns about the standard of vehicles and asked if there was more that could be done to bring operators into line. The Commissioner agreed that if there was

such a high percentage of defective vehicles, this was something that should be looked at.

7.5 RESOLVED

7.5.1 That the Commissioner be thanked for his involvement and work with partners on this issue and particularly for meeting with taxi drivers to mitigate some of the issues.

7.5.2 That the Commissioner considers how the issue of defective vehicles might be addressed by working with partners.

8. Tri-Services Collaboration

8.1 The Commissioner gave an update on the early work of the Tri-Services Collaboration Board which brings together collaboration on blue light services in West Yorkshire.

8.2 The Commissioner has consistently made it clear that he has no intention of seeking to take on the statutory functions of the Fire and Rescue Authority, but he is keen to develop improved collaboration and outcomes. The Commissioner stated that he is very positive about the three services coming together and collaborating on this agenda. He also commented that whilst it is not a requirement for him to take on the functions of the Fire and Rescue Authority, he will be increasingly expected to be able to demonstrate the delivery of improved outcomes as a result of blue light collaboration in line with recent legislation.

8.3 RESOLVED

8.3.1 That the Commissioner keeps Panel updated on any significant issues relating to the collaboration of blue light services.

9. Published Key Decisions

9.1 Panel noted the decisions that have been published on the Commissioner's website since the last meeting.

9.2 The Commissioner was asked to provide information on the decisions relating to working with "Hope for Justice" and "The BME Victim Champion Project"

9.3 It was noted that Hope for Justice is a charity that the PCC has worked with for the past two or three years. They have a key role in supporting victims of trafficking.

9.4 The BME Victim Champion Project is delivered by Saima Afzal Solutions an adviser on BME issues linked to the victims agenda. It was suggested that Saima might attend a future meeting and update Panel on the work she is doing in West Yorkshire.

9.5 RESOLVED

- 9.5.1 That a report on the work of the BME Victim Champion Project be brought back to a future Panel meeting and that Saima Afzal be invited to present it.

10. Commissioner's Response to any current issues

Neighbourhood Policing

- 10.1 Panel raised concerns with the PCC about the utilisation of resources for policing at a local level following a presentation on the future of neighbourhood policing that had been given in the Wakefield District. Panel were concerned about the potential reduction of officers within neighbourhood policing teams. Panel questioned whether new models were being implemented before the neighbourhood policing review is complete.
- 10.2 The PCC confirmed that he has made a commitment to neighbourhood policing and that a recruitment process is underway to fill a number of PSCO and Police Officer roles. The PCC agreed to raise this matter with the Chief Constable to understand how District Commanders are deploying officers within local areas and bring a report back to the meeting on 7th July.

Investigation Report into the previous Chief Constable

- 10.3 Panel enquired as to whether the PCC could release any information into the investigation of the now retired Chief Constable.
- 10.4 The PCC stated that for legal reasons he is still unable to release anything further at this stage but would keep the Chair of the Panel informed.

Police Officer Criminality

- 10.5 In light of the recent high profile cases of Police Officer criminality within West Yorkshire, the PCC was asked what is being done to ensure standards in policing are being maintained.
- 10.6 The Commissioner stated that he has regular briefings/reports and has received strong reassurance from the Chief Constable that PSD take a strong stance is taken against any Police Officer criminality. The PCC raises this with the Chief Constable on a regular basis through Community Outcomes meetings and is updated on any cases.
- 10.7 **RESOLVED**
- 10.7.1 That the PCC raise the issue of neighbourhood policing resources with the Chief Constable to understand how District Commanders are deploying officers within local areas and bring a report back to the meeting on 7th July.

11. Agreed Actions Log

11.1 The Commissioner was reminded of his action to ensure that papers include the author or lead officer contact details as well as page numbering.

11.2 RESOLVED

11.2.1 That papers include the author or lead officer contact details as well as page numbering.

12. Forward Agenda Plan

12.1 It was agreed to cancel the Panel meeting on 9th June. All business planned for 9th June 2017 will move forward to 7th July 2017.

12.2 RESOLVED

12.2.1 That the PCP meeting on 9th June 2017 be cancelled.

13. Complaints received by the Panel

13.1 Councillor Wassell reported that there have been no new complaints recorded.

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14. Review of Complaint's Sub-Panel Decision

14.1 The full Panel was asked to review the decision of the Complaints Sub-Panel in relation to a complaint against the Commissioner. The complainant asked for a review of the Complaints Sub-Panel's decision not to uphold their complaint about the Commissioner.

14.2 The full Panel reviewed the information considered by the Complaint's Sub-Panel relating to the complaint and considered the process that had been undertaken to arrive at their decision.

14.3 After considering all of the information provided, the full Panel agreed that:

The complaints Sub-Panel had followed the legislation and the Panel's complaints process correctly in seeking to address the complaint.

14.4 RESOLVED

14.4.1 That the original decision by the Complaint' Sub-Panel be upheld. The full Police and Crime Panel's decision is final and the matter is now closed.

15. Any Other Business

15.1 There was no other business raised at the meeting.

16. Date and Time of Next Meeting

16.1 The next meeting of the Police and Crime Panel in public will be held at 10.00am on Friday, 7th July 2017 in the Old Court Room, Wakefield Town Hall.