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of West Yorkshire



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for Policing and Crime

Item 8

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**Report to:** Police and Crime Panel

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**Subject:** Investigations and outcomes

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**Report of:** Tracy Brabin, Mayor of West Yorkshire

## 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

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- 1.1. The enclosed report from West Yorkshire Police gives an update to the Police and Crime Panel on Investigations and Outcomes. The report is a follow on and update report to the paper the Panel received in July 2021 providing further information on the following areas:
- The Investigations Review / Victim Journey Team incorporating the Strategy for Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)
  - The Safeguarding Review (now referred to as The Safeguarding Implementation Project)
  - Outcomes and Finalisations.

## 2. INFORMATION

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- 2.1. The first Investigations and Outcomes report was commissioned after the PEEL inspection of the Police in 2018/19 when West Yorkshire Police received a grade of 'Requires Improvement' for the portion of the inspection that examines 'how effective is the force at investigating crime and reducing re-offending'
- 2.2. Although this grading was improved to 'Adequate' in the 2021 PEEL assessment, it is still the ambition to develop in this area to progress towards an outstanding grade.
- 2.3. The three 'areas for improvement'(AFI) from the 2018/19 PEEL report is discussed in the report under 2.2 which looks at the Investigations Review and the victims journey.
- 2.4. In the most recent PEEL inspection (2021) there was an AFI which states:
- 2.5. The force should take action to ensure that investigators work with and support victims

and witnesses to understand their needs. They should consider, record and provide victims and witnesses with any appropriate special measures

- 2.6. The attached report highlights the detailed work that has taken place in West Yorkshire to action these and other requirements and shows the strong ambitions of the force to be outstanding in all areas.
- 2.7. All of the HMICFRS recommendations are discussed regularly in the Joint Executive Meeting between the Mayor and West Yorkshire Police. This consistent scrutiny ensures that the Mayor / Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (DMPC) are assured that this AFI and others continue to be a priority.
- 2.8. This most recent AFI (at 2.5) informed one of the performance measures in the new police and crime plan:
  - Increase % crimes with victim initial needs assessment.
- 2.9. This is discussed at 2.9.3 of the report and will continue to be part of the Performance Monitoring report to the panel on a quarterly basis going forward.
- 2.10. This performance measure and other measures relating to Investigations and outcomes, particularly with regard to Rape and Serious Sexual Offences outcomes are monitored in the Performance Scrutiny Meeting when the Mayor/DMPC are given updates on all of the work taking place and asks questions about the details given. This quarterly update from the Police keeps a spotlight on this area of work.
- 2.11. The performance measures from the Police and Crime plan (which include outcomes) are discussed at a variety of meetings led by the Mayor/DMPC, these include the Partnership Executive Group, the Community Safety Partnership Forum, and the Serious Violence Executive Group
- 2.12. Other meetings are also updated on this work including the Domestic and Sexual Abuse Board, the West Yorkshire Children's Risk and Vulnerability Strategic Group and the Community Outcomes Meeting.
- 2.13. The DMPC continues to drive forward the Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB) and much of the work described in the paper has been discussed with the LCJB executive group and/or the LCJB victims and witness group in order to get the best outcomes for victims.
- 2.14. Although this paper was originally commissioned to highlight the work taking place in response to the HMICFRS recommendations, it has expanded to include the work to reduce violence against women and girls and provide better outcomes for them, which is at the heart of the Police and Crime plan.

### **3. EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION BENEFITS AND IMPLICATIONS**

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- 3.1. The outcome data in the report does not disaggregate on the basis of protected characteristics as this should have no bearing on the investigation or the outcome of the crime in questions
- 3.2. There are some crime types which disproportionately affect certain protected characteristics (such as those linked to Violence against women and girls or forced marriage / so called Honour Based Abuse). Where these are discussed, this is

highlighted in the report.

#### **4. IMPLICATIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN WEST YORKSHIRE**

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- 4.1. There are a number of crime types discussed which affect young people in West Yorkshire. The Safeguarding review particularly looks at the training taking place for Child Protection investigators and the improved capability this should give.

#### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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- 5.1. None

#### **6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

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- 6.1. none

#### **7. EXTERNAL CONSULTATION**

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- 7.1. n/a

#### **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

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- 8.1. That the panel note this report

#### **ATTACHED PAPERS AND APPENDICES**

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**Investigation and Outcomes Paper including appendix A and B**

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