



COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING

Tuesday 1 March 2016
2:00pm – 4:50pm

PRESENT

- Mark Burns-Williamson – West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)
- T/CC Dee Collins
- T/DCC John Robins
- T/Det. Supt. Darren Minton (1-2)
- Chief Supt. Mark Ridley (3)
- DI Vanessa Smith (3)

ALSO PRESENT

- Darren Medcalf, HMIC
- Insp. Paul Rushton
- Sharon Waugh, Engagement Manager
- Clare Briscoe, Engagement Officer
- David Iveson, Digital Coms Officer (3)
- Stuart Piper (1-2)
- Katherine Johnson (AOB)

Numbers denote items present for.

1. Notes of the previous meeting including matters arising

The notes of the meeting held on 5 January 2016 were confirmed as a correct record. The PCC and T/CC Dee Collins also reviewed outstanding actions, T/CC asked for Item 4 and 5 from 3.11.15 considered together. All other items were all completed or ongoing.

2. Urgent Items

There were none.

3. Police and Crime Commissioner Announcements

- a) **Flooding in West Yorkshire** – The PCC recognised the excellent role West Yorkshire Police played in coordinating the response to the floods. The PCC and T/CC spoke about their experiences after visiting areas hit by the floods they also went on to talk about their donation to flood victims from the Police Property Act Fund. T/CC stated that it was good to engage with the community, understand their feelings and support staff who were also affected by the floods. ACC Milson continued to represent the Force at a West Yorkshire level and would keep the PCC updated.
- b) **Budget/recruitment** – The Police and Crime Panel had accepted the recommendation to increase the precept. The main items were the recruitment of 100's of Police Officers and the protection of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs). T/CC advised that securing the precept funding for the recruitment of Police Officers and PCSOs would support community policing and provide investment for growing threats.
- c) **Community Conversation** - The PCC was pleased that 76% of respondents to the Community Conversation survey said they would support the proposed increase in the precept as long as it was spent on Police Officers and PCSOs.
- d) **National Anti-Trafficking and Modern Slavery Network** – The PCC was pleased to report the launch of the first National Anti-Trafficking and Modern Slavery Network, he commented that West Yorkshire Police were leading the way. He recognised there was still more work to be done by West Yorkshire Police but more to be done regionally and nationally.

T/CC spoke about the progress made and about the good working relationship built with Hope 4 Justice and the Anti Trafficking and Modern Slavery Network. The PCC added the next meeting of the National Anti-Trafficking and Modern Slavery Network would be held on Tuesday 15 March 2016.

- a) **HMIC Report** – The PCC welcomed the HMIC Assessment of Police effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy (PEEL) of West Yorkshire Police released on 24 Feb 2016 the report graded West Yorkshire Police as good, and the PCC was pleased with the positive comments made.
- e) **Domestic Homicide** – T/CC advised that incidents like this demonstrated the types of crime which Officers confronted on a routine basis
- f) **Police Officers Injured** – The PCC highlighted recent incidents involving injuries to two Police Officers whilst on duty. The Police Officer who was injured in Middleton had now been discharged and was fine. The Officer on traffic duties who was injured when a vehicle ran into him was also fine and doing well. The PCC asked that his best wishes were passed on to both officers.

Action:

The PCC to be informed of the outcome of media review/scrutiny regarding the West Yorkshire response to the December 2015 floods.

4. Safeguarding: Missing Persons

T/CC introduced the report which addressed issues regarding missing people, the report also gave reasons why some people go missing and highlighted risks to those identified as vulnerable.

T/Det. Supt. Minton explained that Safeguarding was one of the major priorities for West Yorkshire Police, it represented a significant challenge both in terms of intense resource implications and the preventative work required to break the cycle of missing people especially around children. He addressed the Missing Persons data in the report which indicated that in 2015 there were 15,086 missing or absent incident reports recorded relating to 7,504 people.

T/Det. Supt. Minton also said that the number of incidents recorded at the end of 2015 of Missing and Absent by District was broadly commensurate with the demography of each are, with Leeds recording 4,986 incidents, Bradford 4,043, Kirklees 2,266 and Calderdale 1,267. The biggest number of incidents related to children under 18. In those 65 and over there was a high level of complex demand through vulnerability issues such as mental health, general health and Dementia. There was a potential issue with unaccompanied migrant children and the force were linking in with Kent and Norfolk to look at this further. The PCC expressed concern at the potential increase in numbers of unaccompanied migrant children.

T/Dep. Supt. Minton explained that a return home 'Safe and Well' interview was conducted in all cases where an officer had been dispatched to take a full missing from home report. The Force used Child Abduction Warning Notices (CAWNs) known as Harbours warnings which advised a person who had encouraged or assisted a child to stay away from home that they might be at risk of committing an offence. They were a preventative tool used on 130 occasions in 2015. Data was collated centrally and filtered down to districts which enabled managers to initiate local partnership action to prevent repeat incidences and safeguard the individuals identified.

In February 2015 all 5 local councils and West Yorkshire Police agreed a Joint Protocol for children missing from home or care. It detailed the procedures agencies would implement in order to safeguard children by preventing them going missing and jointly responding when they do. It included requirements in respect of information sharing and multi-agency missing planning meetings. Arrangements for joint working included regular multi-agency staff and routine information sharing between agencies about missing incident. The Force also recognised the 'Herbert Protocol', which was intended to speed up and simplify the police and other agencies response when a vulnerable person with dementia or Alzheimer's was reported missing.

The PCC welcomed the increased collaboration with the Local Authority and recognised it was crucial with regards to a multi-agency approach. He recognised the work in the force with the Herbert protocol and dementia awareness which he fully support. The PCC asked if there was an explanation of this disparity and what was being done to establish the possible causes. T/Det. Supt. Minton stated that this was an area he had focused on and one of the areas of interest to the HMIC, more work was required and it would be addressed by him in his new role.

The PCC asked about the procedures for continued investigation and review of long term missing persons. T/Det Supt. Minton advised that quality assurance checks were made and reviewed every 2 weeks. After 6 months a notice was sent to the Safeguarding lead and reviewed every 12 months, it was then put on the missing person's bureau. West Yorkshire Police shared details with missing people charities to refresh the investigation and conducted reviews the investigation to make sure that the investigation is ongoing and updated.

The PCC asked about the growing risks around unaccompanied migrant children and if the potential links to human trafficking were being addressed. He also asked how WYP were working with local authorities and other partners to address this and if there was a divisional response to this linked into the WYP human trafficking team and WY anti trafficking and modern slavery network.

T/Det Supt. Minton explained that there was a key person working with partners. In relation to unaccompanied children, no reports had been received.

The PCC asked that given the increase in Harbourers warnings given out in 2015 and the increased focus on CSE and safeguarding did WYP feel resources were at a right level. T/Dept. Supt Minton said he needed to compare the number of warning letters issued and whether that had impacted on the number of Harbourers warnings which had taken place, he would look into it and share the data with the PCC.

5. Safeguarding: Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

T/CC introduced the item and stated in light of the HMIC recommendations and also programme of change safeguarding review the Force had the opportunity to rethink the safeguarding governance process and resourcing. T/Det Supt. Minton further explained that the purpose of the governance unit was to support the delivery of Policy development, audit compliance, performance and monitoring, support district safeguarding units and look at the demand around domestic homicide and serious case reviews. The PCC said that this reflected the priorities around safeguarding and the current resources. T/CC stated that there was a lot of activity going on and spoke about the need to ensure available resources to tackle safeguarding issues. T/Det Supt. Minton added there was a need to build on the good work already undertaken and build on areas for improvement.

There were 596 ongoing current CSE investigations, which involved 208 victims, 178 offenders had been identified, 124 have been arrested and 29 charged. There were 100 legacy investigations of which 47 were contact offences, of the 100 non recent cases there were 168 identified victims and 103 perpetrators. To date of the 103 perpetrators 21 had been arrested and 1 charged. There had been a significant result where 12 men were convicted in Bradford Court and jailed for a total of 140 years following investigations into sexual abuse of a female under 16 years between 2009-2012 in Keighley.

The PCC was reassured that recent media campaigns were being used to highlight online CSE offences, the most recent campaign had looked at sexting. The Safeguarding Governance unit had a twitter feed @WY Safeguarding which been sent to all Adult and Child Safeguarding Board Managers across the force and asked to roll out to schools. Districts would also continue to roll out Safeguarding training which so far included over 3000 taxi drivers, the next area to progress would be club/pub door staff.

Stuart Piper, Safeguarding Adviser also spoke about his work and the progress made to date. Some projects were education awareness, delivering age appropriate awareness to schools across all the districts in West Yorkshire he had also met with local groups and CSE Strategy group to improve consistency and collaboration for victims. WY Safeguarding Communications group were also driving campaigns and looking at trends and putting practices in place.

The PCC also spoke about projects funded through the Safer Communities Fund (SCF) for specific local CSE programmes and support projects. SCF was funded from monies via the Proceeds of Crime which had been a great boost to community groups.

T/CC spoke about the permanent investment of 30 posts and identified the need for funding for an additional 30 posts to work within the child abuse, CSE area. She explained there was a need to recruit to a more generic role profile to allow for greater flexibility. The PCC asked about the growing link between CSE, child sexual abuse and human trafficking cases that WYP were coming across. Ch. Supt. Ridley explained there is the potential risk that children are trafficked for CSE

The PCC enquired about the review of national referral mechanism run by Salvation Army and WYP are part of the pilot review. And if West Yorkshire Police are making sure these types of issues are been fed into that review. Ch. Supt. Ridley explained that West Yorkshire Police were the leading force in the pilot with that understanding and ability to provide the information being confident that the force will be providing the significant amount that will drive the direction of the mechanism in the future.

6. Cyber Crime

T/CC introduced the Cyber Crime and recognised that it was a growing area of work for WYP. Ch. Supt. Ridley explained that the response to Cyber Crime had been developing over the last 15 months, based on the 4 P's, Principal, Prevent, Prepare Pursuit and Protect. A key part was to engage with local communities to understand the impact of Cyber Crime and how to best protect communities. The first independent advisory group for Cyber Crime meeting was held in January with a broad range of organisations to help shape and tackle Cyber Crime in the future

Currently the West Yorkshire Police/Cyber Crime team were involved in 320 investigations. With regards to public engagement events and the team had delivered 22 training events to staff and partner agencies to raise awareness and develop positive partnership working. The Cyber Crime Team, Safer Schools and crime prevention officers had developed a child cyber survey which had been sent to all secondary schools across West Yorkshire and the team had received 2500 responses. They were also working closely with Yorkshire and Humber regional cybercrime unit.

DI Smith explained that 16 further events were planned this year, along with the National Crime Agency, the team had also supported a number of key events namely Operation Black fin a Cyber crime prevention week of Action. They were keen to get message out there in terms of key crime prevention, tips and advice. Many Cyber Crimes were preventable and the type of advice given was mainly about passwords and software protection

DI Smith continued to talk about Clickb4ucall which was available via the force website, it provided members of the public prevention tips and advice for parents and children.

West Yorkshire Police had created an internet investigation best practice document supported by the Office of Surveillance Commissioner. The PCC stated that he and other PCCs would raise this with the College of Policing, it was a fast growing area which needed to be reflected by what the College of Policing were doing. T/CC advised that this was a rapidly changing environment and on this occasion WY could not wait for others as it was more important to develop a local approach. DI Smith said that WYP had received £650,000 form the police knowledge fund, supported by the College of Policing. The PCC applauded the approach that the Cyber team had taken.

The PCC asked when the results of the child cyber survey would be available. DI Smith stated that the results have been collated and would be available to the force Safeguarding Strategic board on 30th March and then deliver to local safeguarding children boards. The PCC asked for more background on the WYP Cyber Problem profile so it could be explained to a public audience. DI Smith stated that all the reported crime reports had been reviewed and

analysed and interpreted into a format which helped provide a greater understanding of emerging cybercrime types.

The PCC asked if there was a common theme emerging from the engagement events. DI Smith said one such theme was parental concern about their child's use of the internet. Other concerns were around password changes and virus updates. The PCC asked if the Safer Schools Officers had noticed an increase in cyber related incidents reported to them and if they received enhanced training around cyber, the PCC was advised that Officers were given bespoke training on cyber issues, on-line bullying had been raised as an increased concern.

The PCC asked about the people accessing Clickb4uCall. DI Smith confirmed that there were 26,662 hits for the Clickb4uCall. The PCC also asked if some of these hits were instead of calling the 101 number. T/CC stated that Clickb4uCall had helped with the demand for a 101 response, it was a welcome 24/7 opportunity to get a response which signposted people to additional helpful information.

The PCC asked for more background on the West Yorkshire Police information Control Strategy to explain it for a public audience. DI Smith explained that the Control Strategy was used to identify emerging threats, risks and harm to West Yorkshire Police, it looked at ways to reduce reoffending and used the 4P's strategy already mentioned.

In response to a question about high cost cybercrime, T/DCC John Robbins explained that Proceeds of Crime Act legislation was applied.

- *DI Vanessa Smith left the meeting*
- *T/Supt. Darren Minton left the meeting*
- *Ch.Supt. Mark Ridley left the meeting*

- *Katherine Johnson arrived.*

7. Future Agenda Items

It was agreed that Hate Crime would be added to the list of items to be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Any other business

None