



## West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel

### Draft Minutes

5<sup>th</sup> April 2019, Wakefield Town Hall

#### PRESENT:

Councillor Alison Lowe (Chair)	- Leeds City Council
Councillor Richard Dunbar	- Bradford Council
Councillor Tariq Hussain	- Bradford Council
Councillor Mohammed Naeem	- Calderdale Council
Councillor Sophie Whittaker	- Calderdale Council
Councillor Amanda Pinnock	- Kirklees Council
Councillor Andrew Pinnock	- Kirklees Council
Councillor Amanda Carter	- Leeds City Council
Councillor Alan Wassell	- City of Wakefield MDC
Mr Roger Grasby	- Independent
Mrs Jo Sykes	- Independent

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Liz Ogden	- City of Wakefield MDC
Samantha Wilkinson	- City of Wakefield MDC

***Mark Burns-Williamson the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire attended the meeting, along with Temporary Deputy Chief Constable Russ Foster and Jayne Sykes Interim OPCC Chief Executive.***

#### **1. Acceptance of apologies for absence**

- 1.1** Apologies were received from Councillors Russell Brown, Salma Arif and Tony Wallis as well as Temporary Chief Constable John Robins.

#### **2. Minutes of the Meetings held 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

- 2.1** The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a correct record.

#### **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 There were no declarations of interest.

#### **5. Early Intervention Youth Fund**

5.1 The PCC gave the Panel an update on the Early Intervention Youth Fund which was announced last year.

5.2 It was noted that a joint West Yorkshire bid with partners had secured £1.2m over the two years, although in reality, as Year 1 has just come to an end, most delivery will be over the current financial year.

5.3 The PCC outlined the some of the projects that make up the programme of schemes across West Yorkshire.

5.4 A dedicated WY Project Manager has been appointed to ensure delivery across West Yorkshire and to co-ordinate the funding release. To ensure there is learning and evaluation of the success of the programmes, the Home Office are undertaking their own ongoing evaluation of the impact of the projects. Panel were informed that a lot of mapping work is currently underway with a view to drilling down into the worst affected areas that are hard to target.

5.5 The PCC was asked what measurable changes he expects to see a year from now as a result of the interventions.

5.6 The PCC commented that whilst each strand of the programme was different and there were different approaches, the key outcome is the same and this is to reduce the number of young people involved in knife or serious crime. The aim is to work to divert young people down positive pathways. It was noted that this project welds into a number of areas and cuts across numerous key themes within the police and crime plan. The idea is to try and work with identified at risk individuals upstream and put safeguarding measures around them as a prevention tool.

5.7 The PCC stressed the importance of better working with and understanding of those who are involved/affected by youth crime to ensure that interventions really work.

5.8 It was noted that the PCC will report back on the achievements of this fund as part of the performance discussions.

5.9 The PCC commented that other work-streams and funding are being made available aimed at prevention including the additional funding that the Chancellor recently announced and the 'Youth Endowment Fund'. The PCC will report back on these as soon as there is more clarity about what will be available for each area.

5.10 The PCC stated that he realistically expected to be able to report back to Panel on the impact of the EIY fund and the anticipated outcomes in 6 months' time.

- 5.11 Panel welcomed the positive news that West Yorkshire had additional funding and welcomed the update report providing information on the programmes.
- 5.12 Panel raised the need to ensure that discussions take place with young people themselves and that they are fully involved to ensure interventions have the required impact. The PCC responded that he is fully aware of this need and that whilst he already has the Youth Advisory Board, this is just one aspect of talking to, and working with, young people on this area of work.
- 5.13 The PCC was asked if he was confident that the figures for violent youth crime are accurate and if schools are reporting the full extent of incidents. The PCC responded that the current mapping exercise is about trying to understand the full picture. Work is also being undertaken on information sharing with schools and health services and there is consultation with these organisations on what this might look like.
- 5.14 The PCC was asked about timeframes and what could realistically be achieved in such a short period of time. The PCC agreed that the EIYF would not be enough on its own but that it was hoped that this would be the kick-start of a longer term programme of work utilising new funding streams announced by the Chancellor. The PCC informed Panel that he would be lobbying for this additional funding to be committed over a three year period.

#### **5.15 RESOLVED**

- 5.15.1 It was agreed that the PCC will report back on the achievements of this fund as part of the performance discussions.

### **6. Victims Strategy**

- 6.1 The PCC presented his draft West Yorkshire Victims' Strategy to Panel members.
- 6.2 The PCC stated that there is not a statutory requirement to have such a strategy but the PCC feels that this is important for a number of reasons set out in the report. Panel noted that the PCC has worked with and shared the development of the strategy with partners. The PCC is keen to have a collaborative approach with key partners to ensure that there is a wide awareness of what is available to victims and to ensure that this is collectively communicated to victims from all the organisations that they might come into contact with.
- 6.3 The Panel welcomed the PCC's draft strategy.
- 6.4 The PCC was asked about three areas that the MOJ's Victim's Strategy that were deemed to be weak or lacking.
- Safeguarding the rights of victims from being cross-examined unfairly
  - Those dealing with mental health trauma
  - A real strong commitment to IDVAs.

The PCC was asked how he might be able to help address these MoJ weaknesses.

- 6.5 The PCC agreed with these observations and commented that he is making representation to the MoJ regarding mental health support and provision. The PCC has commissioned and mapped to see where IDVAs exist and has put in place a WY wide IDVA service.
- 6.6 The PCC informed Panel of the work that has been done to introduce victims' hubs with video links to the courts for vulnerable victims.
- 6.7 Panel commented that in relation to strategic priority 3 – giving victims the support they need to cope and recover, tailored to their individual needs – that using the data and considering any protected characteristics would mean that resources can be targeted to specific solutions.
- 6.8 The PCC agreed with this approach and informed Panel that the HO have announced additional funds for work specifically around religious targets. Often these and other victims with protected characteristics are hard to reach and the PCC agreed that he would raise this with the HO.
- 6.9 The PCC was asked how he proposed to introduce the GIRFT (getting it right first time) approach over such a wide range of partners.
- 6.10 The PCC commented that it would not be easy but that this is the ambition. It was also stated that all partners want to do their best by victims and this is not necessarily about a cultural change, but rather it has been necessary to change and improve some systems to ensure that victims are at the centre of service delivery. There will be very clear communications in place to drive this through across all service providers.

## **7. Police and Crime Plan Priority Focus – Domestic and Sexual Abuse**

- 7.1 The PCC presented his report highlighting the work that the PCC has set in train on this area of work since 2014, which included a full review of the services in place in 2015.
- 7.2 The PCC reported he would be launching a new ISVA service from April 2019. He is also commissioning a review of sexual abuse services for victims and survivors as well as a Perpetrator Programme for standard risk offenders.
- 7.3 The PCC reported that the SARC facility which is an improved and enhanced facility is to open next year - this facility is co-commissioned and funded with the NHS and will work closely with the courts.
- 7.4 The PCC also commented that the Safer Communities Fund has financed a number of projects that specifically address domestic, sexual and honour based abuse.

- 7.5 The PCC reported that he has just been informed that the Police Transformation Fund which funds the IDVA cars, which assist the police with triage support, is to be continued for another 12 months.
- 7.6 The PCC informed Panel that he had recently received a letter to confirm that grants for the next three years have been awarded for rape and sexual abuse support through the MoJ for the Bradford Rape Crisis and Sexual Assault Survivors Service, as well as those services in Kirklees, Calderdale and Leeds. The PCC commented that he is aware that there are still gaps in provision, particularly in Wakefield and also for male victims and the PCC stated that he will be raising this with MoJ as to why those bids have not been supported.
- 7.7 The Panel asked the PCC about the evaluation from the Perpetrator Programme which ended in December 2017 and the PCC agreed that this would be reported to Panel at a future meeting.
- 7.8 It was noted that this service is out for commissioning at the moment but the timeframe is likely to be about 9 months. In the meantime a mapping exercise has been undertaken to identify provision across each district so that it is clear what provision is available now. It was noted that the new programme will be for a two year +2 one year extensions available.
- 7.9 The PCC was asked about the low recording of FGM crimes and whether or not any reported crimes have led to prosecutions.
- 7.10 It was noted that there is currently one prosecution in West Yorkshire, however, this is a very complex and sensitive area and prosecution is not always the most victim centred approach. The PCC stressed the need to support victims and to raise awareness to encourage victims to come forward.
- 7.11 The PCC was asked about the increase in younger victims of DV. The PCC stated that there is much work to be done on this area of work. Often young perpetrators have been young victims of crime and often DV themselves. It was noted that the definition of DA has been changed and this will also have had an impact on the numbers recorded.

**7.12 RESOLVED**

- 7.12.1 That the PCC reports back to Panel on the outcome of the Perpetrator Programme in due course.

**8. Published Key Decisions**

- 8.1 The published key decisions were noted.

## 9. Commissioner's Response to any Current Issues

### 9.1 General Updates

The PCC updated Panel on two meetings he had been to at No. 10 earlier in the week. The first meeting was the Knife Crime Summit and the second was a round table discussion about the commissioning of services and criminal justice services. The PCC agreed to report back on the outcome of these when further detail is available.

### 9.2 Stop & Search

The PCC raised the recent announcements about changes to stop and search regarding section 60. He assured Panel that in West Yorkshire there is not a blanket approach to stop and search and that the changes that are being brought in will not bring significant change. Stop and search in West Yorkshire will continue to be based on intelligence and will be measured and proportionate.

9.3 The PCC was asked about what communications would be put in place to reassure communities that the changes would not mean a blanket approach in West Yorkshire. The PCC assured the Panel that there would be media releases and that there will be liaison with independent advisory groups.

### 9.4 Additional Funding

The PCC reported that details are still awaited about the £100m additional funding announcement and how it will be split and will report back when this information is available.

### 9.5 Retirement of the Chief Constable

The PCC raised the retirement of the Dee Collins who is due to finish at the end of the month. The PCC thanked Dee for her leadership and the job that she has done.

9.6 The Panel Chair asked the PCC to pass on the Panel's thanks to Dee for the role that she has undertaken over the past few years and through some quite difficult times for the force. Dee's reputation for trust and transparency has been welcomed and the Panel hope that this will continue after she has retired.

9.7 It was noted that the recruitment process is currently being put together and that TCC John Robins will continue in the role in the meantime. The PCC will keep Panel informed of the recruitment timetable as soon as possible.

## 9.8 **RESOLVED**

9.8.1 That the PCC reports back on the additional funding announcements and what will be available to West Yorkshire when more detail is known.

9.8.2 That the PCC thanks the Chief Constable for her dedicated work prior to her retirement at the end of the month.

9.8.3 That the PCC keeps Panel abreast of the recruitment timetable.

**10. Agreed Actions Log**

10.1 The agreed actions log was noted; there were no outstanding actions of concern.

**11. Forward Agenda Plan**

11.1 The forward agenda plan was noted.

**12. Complaints received by the Panel**

12.1 The Panel noted that there were no new complaints recorded. There has also been no response from the Local Government Ombudsman regarding the complaint about the Police and Crime Panel.

**13. Any Other Business**

13.1 There was no other business raised.

**14. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

14.1 The next meeting of the Police and Crime Panel will be the annual meeting which will be held at 10.00 am on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019, in the Old Court Room, Wakefield Town Hall.