

Bedfordshire Board Meeting
Conference Room 1, Kempston Police Headquarters
Thursday 24th January 2019

Attendees:

Clare Kelly, OPCC, Chief of Staff (Chair)
Antonina Belcheva, OPCC
Susan Platen, DWP (Deputy for Marj Shanahan)
Joy Piper, Strategic Manager, DA, Central Bedfordshire Council
Russ Waterston, Superintendent, Criminal Justice & Custody, BCH
Jaswant Narwal, Chief Crown Prosecutor, CPS Thames & Chiltern
Garry Forsyth, DCC, Bedfordshire Police
Liz Mead, Beds Police
Doug de St Aubin, BeNCH CRC
David Collins, Youth Justice Strategic Manager, Luton YOS
Natalie Robinson-Chatterley, HMCTS (Skype)

Support Team:

Marianne Vits, Strategic Business Co-Ordinator, BCH CJB
Dominic Baker, Deputy Strategic Business Co-Ordinator, BCH CJB
Jim Binyon, Performance Office, BCH CJB
Beverley Brooks, PA to CJ and Custody

Apologies:


Kathryn Holloway, Police and Crime Commissioner
Bethan West, OPCC, Head of Victim Service and Community Safety Grants
Alison Harding, Head of NPS, Bedfordshire
Phil McCarthy, OPCC, Project Manager
Rachel Stone, Signpost Hub
Jeanette Keyte, Head of Community Safety at Central Bedfordshire Council
Marj Shanahan, Work Service Manager, DWP
Sharn Basra, DCC, Bedfordshire Police
Jody-Sue Williams, HMPS, Bedford
Ashton Miranda, Staff Officer to Garry Forsyth
Ian Miller, HMCTS
Marcel Coiffait, Chief Executive, CSP
Nathan Briant, ACC Criminal Justice & Custody
Rachel Stone, Signpost Hub
Liz Clark, YOS

PART 2 ~ CLOSED


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NO	TITLE	MINUTES	ACTIONS
1.	Welcomes and Apologies	Welcomes and apologies were given by the Deputy Chair.	
2.	Minutes from 6 th November 2018	Previous Minutes were agreed.	
3.	Matters Arising	<p>See action sheet</p> <p><u>Rape Figures</u> - Team 7 – a dedicated team around rape and sexual offences has been created within Emerald. This is allowing more concentration around these cases and allowing better communication with CPS RASSO Team. LM feels that there will be a positive impact on Rape Figures but this will not be reflected immediately due to the time lag in getting cases to court.</p> <p>-In December there were 2 good results due to the work within Emerald in particular.</p> <p>-PBB – Priority Based Budgeting – what can be done efficiently across 20 business areas and how can these be improved. The 3rd Panel was finalised in the previous week with recommendation going to the Chief Exec Board and the PCC’s Exec Board. This will allow structural changes to be made as well as enhancements across the county within certain areas.</p> <p>-Action 1 - showing success as it is giving opportunities to those being released. There is also a high level of partnership working within the project. It had been made clear to the neighbourhood team that they are welcome to visit the property and to investigate any concerns.</p> <p>-Could the opportunity to share further Intel to be communicated more effectively between the partners?</p> <p>Action – GF/LM – review what links can be made between Key Stage Housing and Intel/Neighbourhood Team (contact DdSA for further information on the housing project if needed)</p> <p>Action – <i>Agenda item for the Reducing Re-Offending Group</i> – Partnership working between Key Stage Housing and Police/Other partners to ensure clear communication and Intel sharing</p> <p>Action - Task for Reducing Reoffending Group– what is the outcome of the endowments from seizures at Crown Court.</p> <p>There is a requirement to ensure a link between the type of crime the funds were confiscated from and where the money is donated.</p>	<p>Gary Forsyth / Liz Mead</p> <p>Reducing Re-Offending Group</p> <p>Reducing Re-Offending Group</p>

		<p>Action – OPCC – what money is being received, where is the money from (crime type) and where it is going (create an agenda item)</p> <p>Agenda – POCA</p>	<p>OPCC</p> <p>Agenda</p>
4.	OPCC Update	<p>Early December – annual partnership meeting – partnerships previously felt it was helpful but as they worked closely with OPCC they did not need further information.</p> <p>The OPCC bidding fund has just closed. There were 69 bids in total. When all bids came in AB completed a summary paper for each and circulated to funding partners to ensure that there was no duplication. There will be 21 people coming to panel in Feb. By the end of March there will be information available on who received the money and how much.</p> <p>Action – CK – share the summaries when they have been completed.</p> <p>There will be, on average, 5 individuals on the panel – these 5 people will always include PCC, CK plus an independent member.</p> <p>The PCC is running a survey across Beds to scope how the residents would feel about an uplift of £2 a month in the policing precept.</p>	<p>Clare Kelly</p>
5.	SHOPPO Applications	Continue to the next meeting	
6.	Pan Bedfordshire Youth Offending Strategic Board	<p>First meeting held just before Christmas – one theme selected by the members is a joint piece of work on mapping and profiling. This will be loosely led by police due to the work being done on a partnership level and will allow Pan-Bedfordshire needs profiles to be created.</p> <p>Disproportionality is the theme of the next meeting (Feb)</p>	
7.	Victims Services	<p>Kimberly Lamb was unable to attend the meeting.</p> <p>JP is currently in communication with the Hub to further develop partnership working.</p> <p>CRC have been out to meet with Signpost to work on RJ being offender led.</p> <p>-About to reinvigorate the volunteer element meaning improving face-to-face work.</p> <p>-RJ is being reinvigorated.</p>	

		<p>-Think Victim Campaign – internal and external project – looking at a support champion which will allow closer working with local communities (working with Drs etc) allowing the Hub to reach more individuals.</p> <p>Agenda – Victim Services</p> <p>The bidding panels will be held within the Hub and those attending will be given a tour.</p> <p>DC informed the members that there is an RJ team within Luton YOS and they are willing to provide training.</p>	Agenda
8.	Reducing Re-Offending Group	 <p>BCJB Reducing Reoffending 9th Janu</p> <p>Update following the meeting – NACRO have got enough funds to continue their work – no additional bid has gone in.</p> <p>Mental Health Strategic Partners Group – suggestion that this becomes an agenda item for this Board. This was agreed.</p> <p>Agenda – Mental Health Strategic Partners Group</p> <p>There is a member from Mental Health invited to this group but it has been some time since they have attended.</p> <p>Action – CK – invite a member of Health to the group</p>	<p>Agenda</p> <p>Clare Kelly</p>
9.	Victims & Witness Group	<p>There is still a need for a central location for V&Ws to give evidence via LL – DB previously had a conversation with Central Beds Borough Hall who had an ideal room. The SARC location was suggested but there were concerns around this due to the individuals who would need to use this area.</p> <p>Action – Exploration on possible new locations for a central LL kit for vulnerable and intimidated individuals.</p> <p>Action – NRC – speak with Karen Wicks regarding a location for an IDVA to meet with Vulnerable and Intimidated V&Ws at Mags/Crown in Luton.</p> <p>There has been a local V&W meeting about the new Victim Strategy action plan – one of the risks that has already been identified is the way V&Ws are dealt with at court</p>	<p>Victims & Witnesses Group</p> <p>Natalie Robinson-Chatterley</p>

10.	Op Qualis	<p>Investigation standards group are focusing on the basics as these seem to be the areas failed. The reason why is being looked into by the police. Repeat offenders are being met with by Sharn as well as the CC.</p> <p>A process map is being created by Investigation Standards to get to the root of the issue and to find ways of supporting officers correctly.</p> <p>DA is one of the focus points – the national attrition rates are improving with Beds standing fourth in National Victim Attrition Rates.</p> <p>GF added that this is a persistent problem – JN has agreed to review the current File Quality process to find what improvements can be made.</p> <p>JN requested that if there is a need to break the process down and there should not be a constant need for Exec Officers to sign off on the work. Requested that TSJ and File Quality be added to the agenda. The main problem is the Evidence being put into the file.</p> <p>Agenda – TSJ and File Quality</p>	Agenda
11.	PPMG Update	<p>The majority of the police data has now been updated in the performance data.</p> <p>The members discussed the circulated figures.</p> <p>JN suggested that during the next meeting there is a discussion on the figures from the last 12 months as there has been some improvements but not enough. During visits across the counties it has been found that there are many logistical issues impacting on the figures.</p> <p>Agenda – Exec Report (Performance) – further discussion on the last 12 months, what impacts on these figures, what is causing the downfalls etc. There is a need to look at the figures in the correct context.</p> <p>It was agreed that each partner would give detailed feedback on their figures to ensure that the correct information is being given back to the group.</p> <p>CPS are currently outsourcing work for charging advice – one of the complications with some cases is the download of media. Cases are taking longer to investigate due to the higher use of Social Media.</p>	
12.	CJB Secretariat	<p>RW informed the group that as o 31st March the Secretariat will no longer be here. He has yet to be sighted on Bedfordshire’s plan beyond that date.</p>	

		The members gave their thanks to the secretariat for all of their work previously and during this time. The OPCC advised the group that a project manager has been hired with the agreed start date of March 18 th .	
13.	Correspondence	 GOV.UK update Trio of justice bills becom	
14.	A.O.B	None	
15.	Date of Next Meeting	An outlook pole will be sent round. This is currently set for 25 th March. There are 2 alternative dates which will be included into the outlook email. Action – create a draft agenda including the items discussed in this meeting	Clare Kelly

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