



Bedfordshire Board Meeting
Conference Room 1, Kempston Police Headquarters
Tuesday 6th November 2018

Attendees:

Kathryn Holloway, Police and Crime Commissioner (Chair)
Doug de St Aubin – BeNCH CRC
Garry Forsyth, DCC, Bedfordshire Police
Russ Waterston, Superintendent, Criminal Justice & Custody, BCH
Bethan West, OPCC, Head of Victim Service and Community Safety Grants
Alison Harding, Head of NPS, Bedfordshire
Jaswant Narwal, Chief Crown Prosecutor, CPS Thames & Chiltern
David Collins, Youth Justice Strategic Manager, Luton YOS
Phil McCarthy, OPCC, Project Manager
Rachel Stone, Signpost Hub
Natalie Robinson-Chatterley, HMCTS (Skype)
Joy Piper, Strategic Manager, DA, Central Bedfordshire Council
Jeanette Keyte, Head of Community Safety at Central Bedfordshire Council
Marj Shanahan, Work Service Manager, DWP
Phil McCarthy – OPCC Project Manager
Sharn Basra – DCC, Bedfordshire Police
Jody-Sue Williams, HMPS, Bedford
Ashton Miranda, Staff Officer to Garry Forsyth (SCS Bedfordshire Police)

Guests:

Ryan Brammer – Chief Inspector, Community Crime
Carl Perri – Community Sergeant, Hate Crime

Support Team:

Dominic Baker, Deputy Strategic Business Co-Ordinator, BCH CJB
Jim Binyon, Performance Office, BCH CJB
Beverley Brooks, PA Custody
Zoe McCrudden, PA to CJBs

Apologies:

Clare Kelly, OPCC, Chief of Staff
Ian Miller, HMCTS
Marcel Coiffait, Chief Executive, CSP
Marianne Vits, Strategic Business Co-Ordinator, BCH CJB
Nathan Briant, ACC Criminal Justice & Custody
Rachel Stone, Signpost Hub
Liz Clark, YOS

PART 2 ~ CLOSED

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NO	TITLE	MINUTES
1.	Welcomes and Apologies	KH welcomed Jaswant Narwal to the group.
2.	Minutes from 11 th September 2018	Minutes approved
3.	Matters Arising	<p>DdSA explained there is a project with 42 rooms for use by probation clients, to be supported into independent living, funded by local housing benefit.</p> <p>Welwyn and Hatfield are to launch a similar scheme with 11 beds.</p> <p>AH raised a question as to how to maximise use for Beds offenders, to be followed up at Beds Reducing Reoffending Group</p> <p>BW reported forthcoming meeting BPHA willing to work in partnership on County Lines and Cuckooing – have committed money, sum undisclosed at this time</p> <p>KH reported meeting about scheme for sexually exploited women which will offer a 3 stage programme of support. Subject to funding by GLG, Luton Borough Council has committed to offer permanent housing for all women that complete the programme. Potential funding of £0.5 million over 3 years.</p> <p>KH reported meeting with Judge Foster who has asked that OPCC provide a list of charities to receive endowments from seizures at Luton CC</p> <p>KH reported new drug and alcohol courts to start in January in Luton</p> <p>Post Athena Data: JB reported that data accuracy is still not good. GF committed that data issues should be resolved by December</p> <p>5. HMP Bedford Inspection</p> <p>JSW reported Bedford was put in special measures at the beginning of summer. Strategic action plan now in place and progress is being made. Additional staff training is being given with senior officers being brought into mentor as 77% of staff have less than one year service.</p> <p>KH reported meeting with regional head of prisons highlighting problems with rats and cockroaches. Staff need to enforce rules on food and waste to prevent situation escalating.</p> <p>JSW agreed and added that the proximity to Tavistock Street does not help the overall situation.</p>
4.	Hate Crime Presentation	<p>A presentation on Hate Crime was given to the group.</p> <p>KH thanked CP for his presentation and encouraged partners to ask him to speak at relevant meetings</p>

		JN stated that possible changes on what is defined as a hate crime must be agreed by all agencies.
5.	Training Around the Hub	Carry over onto agenda of next meeting
6.	OPCC Update	<p>KH offered personal thanks to DdSA and AH for work on Offenders Focus event.</p> <p>The signpost model has been successful for Victims and Witnesses; this is going to be reproduced for offenders to ensure a wrap-around service to ex-offenders. Includes an online directory of services, as well as hub, calls and triaging.</p> <p>KH reported that a permanent base is being looked into to be up and running by beginning of April.</p> <p>BW added that there had been discussions with DWP around employment. There was also a SEMLEP bid made, with the support of YouTurn Futures.</p> <p>There was a Serious Violence Event held by MoJ and supported by the Beds OPCC. This event showed how passionate the partnership was with battling local gangs across each of the areas across Bedfordshire. Meetings will be held to inform the communities of the changes that will be taking place.</p> <p>KH reported an application had be put into the policing special grant £4.571 million to cover cost of OP Boson, expecting to hear result imminently.</p>
7.	Reducing Re-Offending Group	<p>The previous minutes were circulated.</p> <p>KH asked members to make her aware of early intervention projects including mentoring schemes and parenting projects for possible funding by OPCC.</p> <p>AH and DdSA highlighted importance of the police and probation proactivity in identifying offenders meeting criteria for IOM.</p>
8	PTPH Review	<p>Information on a PTPH review was circulated to the group members for review.</p> <p>DB has asked for further information on lower ineffective trials in Cardiff where PTPH is strictly followed, than Swansea, where only one judge hears PTPHs correctly.</p> <p>KH requested it be shared with JN before being presented to board.</p>
9	Victims & Witness Group	<p>The previous minutes were circulated.</p> <p>BW reported bids have gone in for children affected by DA and Families First for £974,000</p> <p>Early Intervention Youth Fund, bids put in for Red Thread and violent crime support for wrap around service</p> <p>Beds is undersubscribed for projects from Big Lottery. They are willing to do match funding.</p>

		<p>MOJ offered £21K for pre-trial support service. Under consideration, however group feel the funds are insufficient to provide a quality service.</p> <p>Unseen - modern day slavery project have been given £1,500 to run an event with businesses.</p> <p>The Spark project funded by NHS is going well</p>
10	Op Qualis	Data on Op Qualis was circulated to the members.
11.	PPMG Update	<p>Previous minutes and data was circulated to the members.</p> <p>The data circulated was discussed by the members.</p>
12	CJB Secretariat	The decision has been made and fed back to the members of the secretariat. As of April 1st the CJB support will be taken to a local level instead of BCH.
	Correspondence	None
	A.O.B	<p>Priority Based Budget (PBB)</p> <p>GF reported that future levels of funding for Beds were uncertain.</p> <p>With the assistance of consultants the panel will agree baseline budgets for each business area, and determine which level of service will be available for that expenditure.</p> <p>There has been consultation with the business about efficiency improvements, these will be developed at the next panel on 29th November.</p> <p>Minimal service levels will be defined in each business area.</p> <p>The outcome will be a scalable guide of what level of service will be available for the funding in the next 3 to 5 years. Report will be available in January.</p>
	Date of Next Meeting	tbc