



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
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>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>
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>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>
5.	SHOPPO Applications	Continue to the next meeting
6.	Pan Bedfordshire Youth Offending Strategic Board	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

		<p>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. -About to reinvigorate the volunteer element meaning improving face-to-face work. -RJ is being reinvigorated. -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>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>
8.	Reducing Re-Offending Group	<p>Previous minutes were circulated.</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>There is a member from Mental Health invited to this group but it has been some time since they have attended.</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.</p> <p>The SARC location was suggested but there were concerns around this due to the individuals who would need to use this area.</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>
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>
11.	PPMG Update	Previous minutes and data was discussed amongst the members.
12.	CJB Secretariat	<p>RW informed the group that as of 31st March the Secretariat will no longer be here. He has yet to be sighted on Bedfordshire’s plan beyond that date. The members gave their thanks to the secretariat for all of their work previously and during this time.</p> <p>The OPCC advised the group that a project manager has been hired with the agreed start date of March 18th.</p>
13.	Correspondence	 <p>GOV.UK update Trio of justice bills become</p>
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.