



Bedfordshire Board Meeting
Conference Room 1, Kempston Police Headquarters
Tuesday 16th July 2019

Attendees:

Clare Kelly, OPCC, Chief of Staff
Natalie Robinson-Chatterley, HMCTS
Jaswant Narwal
Lisa Scott, Central Bedfordshire Council
Graeme Vann, HMP Bedford
Gary Roberts, Luton Borough Council
Catherine Akehurst
Liz Mead, T/DCS Crime

Support Team:

Chris Handley, Criminal Justice and Commissioned Services Project Manager, OPCC
Sally Wright (covering minutes)



Apologies:




Marcel Coiffait, Chief Executive, CSP
Kathryn Holloway, PCC
Doug de St Aubin, BeNCH CRC



PART 2 ~ CLOSED

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NO	TITLE	MINUTES
1.	Welcomes and Apologies	Welcomes and apologies were given by those in attendance.
2.	Minutes from 1 st April 2019	The date of the minutes is incorrect, it should be 8 th May not the 20 th May. Chris Handley will change this.
3.	Matters Arising & Meeting Governance	

4.	PPMG Update	 <p>Executive Report - July 2019.pdf</p> <p>Identifying issues and what the trends are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance over time has not improved. This needs to be driven forward and taken 'back to basics' with better case management. This should be business as usual. • Processes around magistrates was discussed and they want. They want the guilty pleas which should be guilty pleas in the first hearing which then frees up the courts for more complex cases. Cases are coming through and taking too long and not always getting convictions/outcomes. • Real concerns is DV, this should be a priority area. • Good results when comes to hate crime results. Concern that some of the cases take too long to get charged. Overtime has been offered due to the backlog. This a 28 days maximum for a prosecutor to charge but they need all the evidence before they can charge. Nationally we are moving to move to a 21 days deadline which will be very tight. There are concerns that if we lose cases because of lack of tome to process the evidence then we will lose public confidence. <p>ACTION: Chris Handley to attend the PTPN meetings</p> <p>ACTION: Chris Handley to adjust the risk register and make DV a priority again</p> <p>ACTION: Chris Handley to keep the prisons updated if we are doing any proactive work that would affect them.</p>
5.	Dangerous Dogs	 <p>Kennelling costs for Dangerous Dogs.doc</p> <p>Update from the JPS meeting: There is an extreme cost when a dangerous dog is contained. This cost is covered by the police. This is because of the length of time it takes to get a case heard due to court scheduling. If the schedule has to be rearranged, the dogs will always be moved first, causing a significant hidden cost.</p> <p>ACTION: Natalie to speak to scheduling around Dangerous Dogs and ask them, to look into timescales and why they are moved down the list.</p>
6.	Local and National updates	<p>This is an opportunity for anyone in the meeting to share anything from their area:</p> <p>Op Yellow – Prison throw overs – There has been a 30% reduction since Op Yellow.</p> <p>PCC Kathryn Holloway had a meeting with Governor PJ Butler last week where they discussed the idea of low level offenders helping out with</p>

		<p>communities, tidying, gardening etc. Would need processes in place, safeguarding issues and risks with it. This is in the early stages. The group raised concerns over safeguarding.</p> <p>Central – nothing specific. They have received a letter from Kathryn Holloway around the prison (as above). Discussions will be had direct between them.</p> <p>AAJ department – 4 CPS computers used mainly on remand files, where officers haven't submitted the right information. A coms piece has gone out around this. Beyond August data things may take a dip as won't have officers to do this input so the data breaches data will be effected. Therefore they expect an increase.</p> <p>ACTION: Catherine Akehurst to provide an update at the next meeting regarding the AAJ department and CPS computers.</p> <p>Crime – Rape investigations - Resources reduced significantly. HMIC were very positive. Hoping this plays out in solved crimes as 4.3 to 6.7 in a year. Convictions have risen from 10 to 21. A DI has been imbedded at St Albans but he has only been there 3 weeks.</p> <p>National – changes for senior staff as two new deputy crown prosecutors are coming into post. .</p> <p>Cyber crime attack - Need to identify which cases have been effected as there is a concern those cases will be lost. The defence will use this.</p> <p>ACTION: Liz Mead Garry Forsyth and Clare Kelly to meet to discuss lack of reporting of rape cases.</p>
7.	Reducing Re-Offending Group	 <p>Bedfordshire Reducing Reoffending</p> <p>Discussion owner sent apologies.</p>
8.	Victims and Witness Group	 <p>v2 - BCJB Victims and Witness Group S</p> <p>Minutes from the meeting are not back yet. Looking at mental health issues. May look at live link going to BBH rather than Luton. Jackie Dadd is the owner.</p>
9.	Mental Health Strategic Partners Group	 <p>MH Update.docx</p> <p>SIM – There will be a senior mental health nurse, one based in Signpost and another in the force contact centre. Anyone can call in and ask for more details. This is on a one year pilot scheme.</p>

		<p>Suicide is still a major issue for Bedfordshire. A review is being done on particular cases.</p> <p>ACTION: Clare Kelly to put out a media release on the senior mental health nurse based on Signpost and the force contact centre.</p>
10.	Probation	<p> The Proposed Future Model for Probation -</p> <p>No representative at the meeting</p> <p>ACTION: Chris Handley to ask Alison Harding if she can send some supportive notes that he can share with colleagues regarding probation.</p>
11.	MoJ VCOP compliance	<p> Compliance - Explanatory Note - 19</p> <p>Asking for 5 areas to be monitored by OPCC. Wanted everyone to have sight of that here. Explanatory note Annex A is the chart that would need to be filled in.</p>
12.	Risk Register	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The quality of court files was poor meaning that CPS were unable to proceed. Sharn Basra reported back and that seemed to make progress and there is a trend of improvements. Jas disagreed that this was put down on the risk register. We are not interpreting the data correctly. Agreed this would be moved back up. • All the other risks remain the same. • EUROFINS will be added to the risk register