



POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR BEDFORDSHIRE

DRAFT MINUTES OF STRATEGIC BOARD

31st May 2017, 10:00 to 12:00

Conference Room 1, Beds Police HQ

PRESENT

Chair	Kathryn Holloway, Police and Crime Commissioner (KH)
	Jon Boutcher, Chief Constable (JB)
	Jackie Sebire, T/Assistant Chief Constable (JS)
	Phil Wells, Chief Finance Officer (PW)
	Mark Cooper, Chief Executive, OPCC (MC)
	Anna Akerman, Director of Policy, OPCC (AA)
	Bethan West, Director of Victim Services, OPCC (BW)
	Kevin Vanterpool (KV) – Consultant, Victim Services
	Nuala Goldsboro, Assistant to the PCC (NG) – Meeting Minutes
Apologies	Mike Colbourne, T/Deputy Chief Constable (MC)
	Clare Kelly, Head of Corporate for Bedfordshire Police and Head of Strategic Liaison for the OPCC (CK)

NOT RESTRICTED – FOR PUBLICATION	ACTIONS
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>Actions from 2nd May 2017 for agreement and matters arising:</p> <p>JB gave an update on the current security level in light of the recent terrorist attack in Manchester and also gave an overview of the recent Luton Carnival which had gone very well operationally without any trouble during the day. Unfortunately 11 floats did not turn up on the day, most likely for security reasons. Lots of positive comments given to the police on the day.</p>	

KH complimented Spt. Greg Horsford and all those involved in the carnival operational planning and said she was grateful for the hourly updates received on the day.

JB & KH congratulated JS and all involved with the planning and execution of Better4Bedfordshire.

JS said that there would be a debrief in a couple of weeks and more information on notice boards of what's next and to keep momentum going.

2. Victim Services in Bedfordshire

KV confirmed that we are now up and running and that the aim is to make sure victims receive a better service and are better supported by Bedfordshire Police (please note end times listed, not start times in the distributed documentation).
Key deliverables:

- Start date 1st April – what happens to victims from this date (prior to this with victim support) agree a transition plan.
- Speak to Victim and Witness Board – Victim Services will still be able to assist (more and more forces currently moving away from VS).
- Estates – ICT – further development across 3 forces. Tri-force approach we cannot operate in isolation – they need to work on a 3 way basis.
- Recruitment – advert 1st August. (KH suggested that Caroline Baldwin is included to ensure a good training period before we go live.)
- MC suggested that we try and bring the start date forward due to possible delay in vetting. Plus this may clash with the ATHENA recruitment.
- Risks : Continuity, let Victim Support know ASAP
- We start in April & ATHENA starts in May – this could this cause system issues.
- Estates – location still needs to be confirmed.
- HR/recruitment – more support the better.
- Time – enough time but need to make the most of it

KH commented that it is great that we are a Force ahead of the game here.

KH asked if the Board could have a progress update in June for monthly updates after in-depth update in December. After that an update at the end of 1st month (teething problems) then quarterly reviews.

BW/KV

<p>Action - BW invite JS to the next VS Meeting.</p>	<p>BW</p>
<p>Action - KV email PW with what assistance he needs from ICT.</p>	<p>KV</p>
<p>3. Efficiency</p>	
<p>There is a 21 page document from the CC which is the Bedfordshire Police Vision Plan for HMIC. A Power Point presentation was shown in the meeting which is part of the plan. The focus of this is ‘protecting vulnerable people and putting the victim at the heart of all we do’.</p>	
<p>KH suggested that the ‘clear focus’ slide should be made clearer.</p>	<p>CK/PW</p>
<p>JB advised that there will be a voice over with each slide to talk about positives. KH suggested Clare Kelly to present this.</p>	
<p>PW reminded that this PP is for staff. HMIC will get this although a different piece of work is being done for them.</p>	
<p>4. Effectiveness</p>	
<p>KH asked if we have checked that all our figures are correct and up to date in case we have a new Policing Minister. PW confirmed that they are.</p>	
<p>There is more work being done on the Strategic Demand Assessment before this can be made available</p>	
<p>Action- PW to send a copy to KH when ready so it can be circulated.</p>	<p>PW</p>
<p>KH asked if leaflets in Bengali and Urdu had been printed. JS has now confirmed that this has been actioned.</p>	
<p>KH asked for an update on Item 4. From the last minutes ‘Year-end Recorded and Solved Crime’. JS advised community hubs up to date. Consent form to be completed and return to home interview being done only when actioned by police (local authority own return to home interviews).</p>	
<p>AA currently doing some work on ‘the journey of the child’. Update to follow.</p>	
<p>KH asked if the Local Authorities are keeping everything up to date. JS advised that they are and that they are improving. A further update will be given at the next meeting.</p>	<p>JS</p>

<p>KH asked for an update with Emerald. JS advised that we are still looking for 4 Victim Engagement Officers, 2 ICOS, 4 Investigative Officers. Personnel released from Organised Crime and SOCU have gone back. JS said that she appreciated the demand on officers and offered to pop back periodically. We currently have 45 officers within Emerald when we should have 70. We are actively recruiting. KH asked about time scales for this and JS advised that Vetting will do all they can to prioritise. JB mentioned that vetting issues need to be addressed in general.</p> <p>KH asked for an update on FCR. JB advised that we have had unprecedented 999 calls. Oscar 1s making difficult decisions. Because of this we are still not getting to missing children as quick as we should. All Oscar 1s are clear about the vision for this. However there is still much room for improvement.</p> <p>AA gave an update on this – THRIVE is being done, foster & care homes providing the info we need, however, some seem to fall of the radar. Significant delay on pick up for investigation due to resourcing. HMIC will pick this up as risk assessments not being done, lack of resources.</p> <p>Action: AA to send JB the 4 examples we need to use them, work out demand issue.</p> <p>Action: AA to go out with an operational team possibly on a Saturday night to see first-hand demand. JS will assist with arranging. AA to raise any potential safe guarding issues ASAP.</p> <p>5. Performance Focus</p> <p>Burglary:</p> <p>The figure has gone up as sheds are now included in burglary stats. KH mentioned the article in the Sun newspaper which stated 25 burglaries a day. Figures in from Pete Woolley confirmed that this was actually 14.3 a day. At the time KH had been given the figure of 8 per day.</p> <p>Action: AA to meet with Pete Woolley and his team before Stat' Board to check figures and see how they have been retrieved.</p> <p>JB advised that data can be miss-leading on performance depending on what area of data we are looking at.</p> <p>JS confirmed that burglary dwelling in Lewsey Farm/ & Bury Park has improved from 8 a day to 3 a day. Lots more work to be done, but this is a significant</p>	<p>AA</p> <p>AA/JS</p> <p>AA</p>
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development.

JB advised that burglary should go onto Control Strategy possibly later this year to show burglary as a priority.

JB commented that there were no rape stats' listed in the chart and to that end has asked that he and Mark meet up prior to Stat' Board to go through stats and agenda items.

KH suggested that going forward we should view stats as monthly total figures.

NG

6. AOB