

BCJB Board Meeting

Tuesday, 22 June 2021

Teams Meeting

Name:	Position:
Alison Harding (AH)	Head of Local Delivery Unit for the National Probation Service in Bedfordshire
Catherine Sharp (CS)	
Clare Kelly (CK)	Chief Executive – OPCC Bedfordshire
Dave Collins (DC)	Head of Youth Offending and Target Youth Service in Luton
Eliot Johashen (EJ)	Criminal Justice & Victims Project Manager, OPCC Bedfordshire
Festus Akinbusoye (FA)	Police Crime Commissioner, Bedfordshire (Chair)
Gemma McCormack (GM)	Executive Personal Assistant, OPCC Bedfordshire (Minutes)
Ian Miller (IM)	HMCTS Cluster Manager – Beds, Cambs Herts
Katherine Hobson (KH)	HMCTS Regional Change Team
Madelyn Dagnel (MD)	Staff officer to DCC Rodenhurst and ACC Basra
Malcolm McHaffie (MM)	Temporary Chief Crown Prosecutor, Thames & Chiltern
Marie Gresswell (MG)	Detective Chief Inspector
Matthew Thompson (MT)	Chief Superintendent – Joint operational support Beds, Cambs, Herts
Pat Jennings (PJ)	Head of Offending Service Bedford
Rachel Mort (RM)	Crown Prosecution Service – Area Business Manager
Rhona Love (RL)	HMCTS Regional Change Team Lead
Simon Powell (SP)	Head of Victim Care – OPCC Bedfordshire
Simon Smith (SS)	MSc Chair, Bedfordshire Bench
Trevor Rodenhurst (TR)	Deputy Chief Constable Bedfordshire
Zara Brown (ZB)	Detective Superintendent

Item 1 – Welcome and Apologies

FA welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced himself as this is his first BCJB meeting as Police Crime Commissioner.

FA noted apologies from the following: Dee Perkins, Fiona McDougal, PJ Butler, Carol Ward, Marcel Coiffait, Joy Piper, Sharn Basra and Emma Osbourne. Zara Brown is in attendance and will be representing ACC Basra and Dee Perkins.

Item 2 – Minutes from 24th March 2021

All agreed the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting, no changes were required and the minutes were agreed.

Item 4 – Executive Performance Summary:

EJ presented the Executive report for Bedfordshire to the Board and discussions took place:

Recorded Crime

Recorded crime was relatively low compared to previous quarters and charge rates were quite high. We are ranking 11th and are above the national average for charging rates.

Magistrates Court

Average days from charged to first listing are below national average and the timeliness data is one of the areas we need to focus on. Average days from listing to completion, has come down quite a lot but also requires attention as we are above the national average.

Crown Court

Guilty Pleas given at First Crown Court Hearing is currently below national average.

Special Focus Areas

DA Conviction rate is above national average and we are ranked at 18th.

Rape Conviction Rate; we are ranking 7th and are above national average.

National Probation Service

Community Suspended Orders Completion is 100% which is great.

CRC

Community Suspended Orders Completion is in the green which is good.

Licences/Post Sentence Supervision Completion is in the green which is good.

Item 5 – PPMG

EJ updated that he went to PPMG where he presented the Bedfordshire data across Criminal Justice and discussions took place.

Item 6 – Update on Case File Managing:

ZB updated regarding file quality and discussed the File Quality/Case Management presentation

New process developed and the focus to drive improvement on the quality of crime files is under the spotlight.

First triage is the admin triage which primarily looks at the admin content and not the quality, until the content gets agreed the file is rejected.

We have moved into a position of feedback with supervisors which is tracked and monitored, so if we see no improvement in terms of file quality then actions plans are now

initiated specifically and we track that in terms of a process of how many times has the officer failed and what intervention have we put in place.

CPS have delivered training around first triage and the importance of getting it right as it reduced demand and increases timeliness.

All of this is tracked through Dee Perkins file quality task and finish group when accountability and focus is maintained.

The DI and DCI reviews and the escalation of common themes which are fed into the force detective capability board that is now up and running, these common themes are extrapolated and turned into actions and learning, training is also given should it be required.

Beds and now joining Herts on the Deep Dive work in relation to file quality.

CK thanked ZB for 'amazing and successful update on file management'. CK said that this is a very informative piece of work and hopes that it also assures partners about the investment that has been made with the ranking moving up.

CK advised if there are anymore bids that the OPCC see come up that fit we will do our best to get more money to keep them going or increase what they have already got in place.

MT agreed that there is a lot of good work going on between Beds and Herts with shared working.

Item 7 – Local and National Updates:

HMCTS Common Platform Update

KH went through the Common Platform Regional Roll Out presentation.

Probation Delivery Update

AH updated regarding New Unified Probation Service Model.

Alison advised that after 33 years working in probation she will be moving on in the summer but until then will be supporting Tom Bedford with the New Probation Service.

CK thanked Alison and on behalf the board and the OPCC said thank you for all the amazing work, a rock and a font of knowledge. You will really be missed. Virtual round of applause from everyone in the meeting. You have been a rock for so much amazing work and we are going to miss you massively. The team gave a virtual round of applause for Alison for all of her hard work.

No questions.

Item 8 – Victim and Witness Engagement Board:

MG provided an update regarding victims and witness engagement. MG advised that there has been increase in referrals to signpost which is really positive. There are quite a few pieces of work that are underway at the moment:

Item 9 – Victims' Needs Analysis Task and Finish Group:

Simon – All recommendations have been taken to the target areas for discussions. From these discussions various focus groups have been formed and we will continue to discuss the recommendations alongside the force and our partners. We are still in the very early stages and will provide an update when there are meaningful updates that have been brought back to me.

CK advised that the MOJ got back into contact with the OPCC similar to last year where they are asking us to do an assessment of all partners contributions on VCOP. We wrote out and again partners were not keen to contribute so expect a letter from them relating to the 12 elements of VCOP.

The VNA has been signed up by the force at the last Strategic Board and our new PCC is happy to keep it in line with the police and crime plan.

Item 10 – Reducing Re-Offending Group:

Alison updated the Board last met on the 8th June 2021 and I have done a refresh of the priorities which the board considered. The overarching priorities of the board haven't changed but because of the Pandemic and changes to how people work there are differences on how those things will be delivered. Priorities remain around housing for offenders, Sentence management and serious violence. One of the things to note is IOM in Bedfordshire and the work a subgroup has done to get the IOM scheme ready and in line with the national strategy. We are considerably ahead of other areas in making sure we have our fixed cohort in place and are very much ready to go.

Item 12 – AOB:

CK – Apologies PCC left early, had other commitments already in the diary before he became PCC and didn't want to disrupt the current meeting booking. He will be at all of the next meetings.

TOR – Agreed chair would transfer over, if any concerns refer to Clare.

Item 13 – Date of Next Meeting:

28th September 2021 – 10am – 12.00pm