



**OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR BEDFORDSHIRE**

MONTHLY BUSINESS REVIEW MEETING

16th December 2021

| No. | Business Review Meeting | Actions |
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| | <p>The BRM meeting did not go ahead due to operational reasons, however monthly papers have been documented in the below text. This has been reviewed by the Transparency Manager and agreed to be published. The Interim Chief Executive and Head of Delivery fed back to the team via the weekly team meeting on priorities and risks.</p> | |
| | <p>Actions Update</p> <p>All actions have been updated on the log.</p> | |
| | <p>Transparency Manager</p> <p>JAC</p> <p>Recruitment remains open – one additional Joint Audit Committee (JAC) member needs to be recruited. We have published the advert on social media and an independent site that was advised by Cambridge OPCC however no applications have been received. KB has contacted the Force Exec regarding the next steps.</p> <p>The JAC meeting was completed on the 2nd of December 2021 – All independent members have been informed of the Risk Workshop which is going to take place in January 2021. AV has requested that JAC members attend this to ensure all their thoughts are considered, but their independence is to remain. We would like to involve as many within the process to ensure a full review of the Strategic Risk Register is completed.</p> <p>The JAC Development Day went ahead on the 26th of November 2021, we have received positive feedback that it was a worthwhile day and discussions were had that there should be two development days a year for JAC members moving forward not just one. This will be considered by Force and OPCC.</p> <p>Website Compliance - Specified Information Order</p> <p>The OPCC will continue to complete monthly audits to ensure compliance against the Specified Information Order (SIO).</p> | |



Regarding the Information Document that is published on a monthly basis, KB will be having a meeting in the new year with the Force Exec to ensure that the information aligns with the Police and Crime Plan.

FOI/DP Requests

Freedom of Information Requests continue to come in and be managed by BC. When an FOI has been received it is not for the Transparency Team to search the specific area folders for this information, it is for the department within the OPCC to provide the information and then the Transparency Team will review whether any of the information is deemed restricted.

ACTION: All OPCC to be aware that acronyms should be explained in full in minutes.

ICV's/Dogs

ICV (Independent Custody Visitor) training took place on the 9th of December for five of our new recruits. It went well and now the real training starts with the new ICVs shadowing the experienced ICVs during visits.

The ICV panel meeting was completed on the 15th of December. Physical visits are going well with issues being worked through. The PCC attended the meeting and was welcomed by the panel. The PCC spoke through his dedication to volunteers and thanked all for their continued service.

LQCs/Misconduct.

The OPCC is currently having ongoing conversations about the Legally Qualified Chair (LQC) function and KB will update all when a resolution is agreed.

Complaints

Six new reviews have been received since the last BRM meeting, ten have been finalised and two are outstanding. None have been upheld, however OPCC oversight has been submitted to the Professional Standards Department.

KB has informed all OPCC staff of the complaints process – the OPCC receive complaints in many ways via phone, email, social media, and specific individuals within the team. KB confirmed that the OPCC does not deal with, investigate, make enquiries about complaints against Bedfordshire Police in any way – only Chief Constable complaints or reviews. If a complaint is received it should be forwarded to Bedfordshire Police to review and respond. If the team need more information on this, please contact KB.

Decisions

All known decisions are now on the website. All team members are asked to remember the process regarding decisions, if your department needs to draft a decision or you are aware of a decision made in a meeting, please let KB and BC know as they need to ensure nothing is being missed.

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| | <p>Victim Care</p> <p>Signpost</p> <p>Performance – Qualitative and quantitative</p> <p>Referrals into Signpost for November from the Force were 640. There were 29 agency referrals and 19 self-referrals</p> <p>Projects</p> <p>Signpost are on track to have their name changed to Bedfordshire Victim Care Services in December. All new literature has been designed and SP is awaiting the confirmation of the new website detail.</p> <p>New elements to log (issues or success)</p> <p>Signpost have secured more safe spaces around the county for DA Face to Face.</p> <p>Communication plans to share</p> <p>Signpost will re brand and change its name to 'Bedfordshire Victim Care Services'. The main reason behind this decision is that Signpost in Luton already exists, and we are often confused with them.</p> <p>Re branding will coincide with a new Website, Facebook page as well as Twitter which will enable us to connect with more victims ensuring help can be provided.</p> <p>Bedfordshire Police Partnership Trust:</p> <p>Performance – Qualitative and quantitative</p> <p>Referrals to the Scheme for November were 90. The Bobby Scheme also attend 2 High Risk DA addresses alongside the Force.</p> <p>New elements to log (issues or success)</p> <p>The BPPT have received four £500 grants and one £750 grant so far for Video Doorbells.</p> <p>A £2500 grant was given to Ring Craft Boxing Gym to enable them to provide training to children. With this grant, Ring Craft Boxing Gym can support six children get free training they will get their amateur cards and insurance paid for. This will be reviewed in six months' time.</p> | |
| | <p>Project Manager – Policing and Contact</p> <p>Anti-Bullying Campaign</p> <p>There are no major issues or risks currently for the Anti-Bullying Campaign project.</p> | |

Community engagement and days of action

As part of the PCC pledges, he has committed to work with local partners and the community to understand local issues and then problem solve aspects of them with law enforcement and local partners that can directly impact the issues that have been raised. The Rural Crime Event went ahead in November and currently awaiting further dates.

Roads Fund

The Roads Fund Bid closed on 10th December 2021. 18 bids were received and will be reviewing between now and 6th January 2022. There are no risks or issues identified at this time for the Roads Fund.

Reducing Reoffending

The Reducing Reoffending project is to deliver drug and alcohol treatment conditional caution to offenders across Bedfordshire. We are currently awaiting the next quarters summary for details of take up rates and reoffending rates etc. The next Reducing Reoffending meeting is scheduled for January 2022. There are no major risks or issues.

Communications Officer

Press release schedule update (this week)

- Partnership Day
- Safer Streets – door knocks in Manshead
- Bedfordshire PCC welcomes largest ever increase in funding for drug treatment
- Signpost re-name
- PCC Christmas message
- Precept survey

Signpost has been re-branded and is now called Bedfordshire Victim Care Services (BVCS) – Social comms, email has been sent to partners as well as internal comms.

Newsletter (internal and external)

- VAWG
- Knife crime – linking to VERU
- Safer Streets and Street Watch schemes
- Partnership day
- Re-naming Signpost to BVCS
- PCC's Grant Fund/Road Safety Fund
- Press releases
- Social media

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| <p>Socials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation ceremony • Commissioning panel • Op Foresight • Bedford Hospital Radio • Christmas Carol Service in Clapham • Gov 10-tear strategy • PCC's Christmas message • OPCC Christmas message • Precept <p>Website</p> <p>LF and ZF had a catch up with the Website Provider to discuss a few enhancements and tweaks to the website – this work continues in the New Year.</p> <p>AOB</p> <p>BVCS comms continue in the New Year with a Facebook page and collateral for partners.</p> | |
| <p>Events Officer</p> <p>Beds Youth Council (BYC)</p> <p>This month's theme was Exploitation: know the words, be seen and heard by FACES.</p> <p>Full Office Meeting</p> <p>Four meetings have been booked in for 2022. The next full team catch up is 8th February 2022 at 10:30am – 11:30am.</p> <p>Precept Survey (Launches: 17th December 2021 – January 2022)</p> <p>The Precept Survey is currently being designed.</p> <p>Annual Survey (moved to 2022)</p> <p>First draft signed off. For PCC to approve.</p> | |
| <p>Safer Streets Manager/Commissioning</p> <p>Safer Streets Bedford</p> <p>The project looks to address key physical changes in the areas that are regularly referenced in police data, consultation comments and partnership meetings. These</p> | |



areas are a corridor into our busy town centre and where we have had success with programmes in that centre, we are seeing a rise in the corridors into the town.

This will run alongside a programme of education for young males, support services for women and a wider community-based communications plan to increase awareness and reporting within this area.

Collectively the project aims to utilise funding to reach and support the largest number of residents and visitors in the time allocated for the initiatives to be delivered.

There are currently delays with lighting and CCTV and there is an underspend present from the delay in recruitment.

Safer Streets Dunstable

Environmental Visual Assessment (EVA) was completed as part of wider need assessment for the area, in partnership with Bedfordshire Police, Central Bedfordshire Council and OPCC.

Benefits with the project will include but not limited to reduction in crime, increase in public confidence, increase in stolen property recovery, decrease in shoplifting, and increase fear in offenders to commit crimes within the Safer Street Zone.

Identified areas within the EVA were:

A/ CCTV

B/Lighting

C/Landscaping/Fly Tipping

D/Community Engagement and Community Hub

E/Home Visits and Home Security Offers

F/Trap Bike

G/ Business Support

A risk at present is that there are delays with installation of CCTV and lighting.

Probation Update

AB attended a probation meeting on 3rd December in discussion around the recovery services.

Contacts Officer

APCC – Document reviewed by KB.



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| | AOB No AOB reported. | |