



COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING

Tuesday, 8 September 2015

2:05pm – 3:45 pm

PRESENT

- Mark Burns-Williamson – West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)
- T/CC Dee Collins
- T/DCC John Robins
- D/Supt David Pervin (1 - 4)

ALSO PRESENT

- Insp. Richard Close
- Sharon Waugh, Engagement Manager
- Claire Shelley, Engagement Officer
- Phillip Cross, Engagement Officer (1 – 4)
- David Iveson, Digital Coms Officer (1 – 3)
- Julie Reid, Business Support Manager (6)

1. Notes of the previous meeting including matters arising

The notes of the meeting held on 4 August were confirmed as a correct record. The PCC and T/CC also reviewed outstanding actions, which were all completed or ongoing.

2. Urgent Items

There were none.

3. Police and Crime Commissioner and T/CC Announcements

- a) **Devolution** - The PCC commented on the recent proposal agreed by the West Yorkshire Combined Leaders in relation to devolution. The PCC expressed his concern that the proposal crossed district borders and did not take into account policing and the wider criminal justice system, it also would have significant implications for National Police Air Service (NPAS) and other regionalised force departments. The PCC and T/CC also expressed disappointment that they had not been consulted before the devolution proposal had been submitted. There were clearly major issues with the proposal in terms of policing overall given the inclusion of some

geographical areas currently being part of North Yorkshire. The PCC said he would be writing to Theresa May MP outlining the practical implications for West Yorkshire.

- b) **Clement Desmier** - T/DCC John Robins updated the meeting on the recent charge of two people for the murder of 68 year old Clement Desmier who was found dead at his house in Ravenscliffe, in August 2002.
- c) **Human Trafficking** - The PCC sought reassurance that West Yorkshire Police were actively gaining intelligence to prevent trafficking of refugees across the districts. T/CC Collins informed the meeting that a recent appointment within the Counter Terrorism Unit (CTU) would reinvigorate PREVENT and focus on intelligence/evidence gathering, community engagement and work with refugees across West Yorkshire, she added there was more work to do with CTU and local authorities.

➤ *David Iveson left the meeting.*

4. **Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)**

The PCC was presented with a joint report which reviewed the multi-agency work being undertaken to tackle Child sexual Exploitation, the report was an update from the meeting on 4 August 2015.

Supt. David Pervin introduced the report and highlighted the changes that had been made since the last report was discussed.

The PCC was advised that by the end of Sept 2015 an additional 29 members of staff had been employed across West Yorkshire to look at historic (legacy) CSE cases. This was in addition to the teams already in place and the 120 staff already moved into that area of work also since April 2015, an additional 200 extra staff were available to look at legacy CSE cases. T/CC Collins highlighted some of the issues in investigating legacy cases which could often take longer than other more recent cases. Funding for the additional 29 posts was due to run out in December 2016. The PCC requested that the Chief Officer Team kept under review the sustainability of legacy investigations and associated funding.

The PCC was reassured that the agreed changes in structures, functionality and resource capacity of the 5 District Safeguarding Units was being met, and was informed that in October 2015 the functionality of the Units would be assessed to ensure they were working efficiently.

T/CC Collins advised that different districts had taken different approaches to safeguarding. The larger districts had officers who were Omni-compatible to handle high volumes of cases, and the smaller districts with less cases had officers who specialised separately in child or adult safeguarding. All districts had a thorough approach.

The PCC was also advised that the force were responding positively to the recommendations from the recent College of Policing peer review and the HMIC inspection of vulnerability which included CSE.

Action

For the Chief Officer Team to keep the funding and sustainability of the 29 legacy posts under review.

➤ *Supt. David Pervin left the meeting.*

5. Stop and Search – Quarterly Update

The PCC received a report of the Chief Constable outlining the current position in relation to the use of stop and search powers. The report outlined the progress in relation to ongoing work which included the recent HMIC inspection, and the Home Office Best Use of Stop and Search Scheme and reported on data in relation to stop and search powers used in the 12 month period to June 2015.

T/DCC John Robins introduced the report and commented that the force had closed the gap in terms of disproportionality for BME and white people being stopped and searched. However, the gap was disproportionality higher with regards to gender (around 94% of all stop and search activity focused on males with that group making up 49% of the local population). T/DCC Robins also highlighted that by far the largest category of people who were stopped and searched were aged 16-29 and the majority of encounters were under Section 1 PACE and Section 23 drugs.

T/CC Collins also said that following the HMIC visit to West Yorkshire to look at the 'Best Use of Stop and Search Scheme', Steve Otter had published an article in Police Professional stating that West Yorkshire had improved in all areas, was actively exploring and encouraging the use of technology and was overall making good progress. The PCC welcomed the comments.

The PCC was updated on the Community Trigger (CT), one complaint had been received. The CT was activated following a complaint from a man who had been stopped and searched by officers and did not feel it had been explained to him why it was happening. The complainant was found to be in possession of Class C drugs and was arrested and detained. The case was investigated but the allegation was not upheld and no action was taken against the Police Officer concerned.

The PCC asked the T/CC if she was confident with the frequency of scrutiny panel meetings which reviewed force activity on stop and search, the concern being that this had reduced since the HMIC 2013 inspection. T/CC Collins advised she was content with the level of scrutiny, she spoke further about the importance of scrutiny panels.

➤ *Julie Reid arrived.*

The PCC welcomed the report but queried disproportionality around the gender inequality of people being stopped and searched. T/CC Collins confirmed that more work around this issue was required.

The PCC asked about the feedback from those who had taken part in the Ride Along Scheme and was advised this would be provided by T/ACC Angela Williams.

Finally, the PCC highlighted recent concerns following crime data passed to Police.UK. T/CC Collins apologised for the technical error regarding incorrect data. The information wrongly showed a significant increase in stop and searches of people recorded as white Irish. The PCC welcomed the interest that people were showing in local crime data and in particular stop and search.

Action

For T/ACC Angela Williams to the PCC to receive feedback from the Ride Along Scheme

7. Complaints and Conducts matters

The PCC received a report of the Chief Constable outlining West Yorkshire Police's current position in relation to complaints and conduct data. This was the first new style report on complaints and conduct and T/CC Collins agreed that work on the format of the report needed to be undertaken to provide more narrative and trend information.

T/DCC Robins introduced the report and highlighted key information. These included; an increase in complaints categorised as 'discriminatory behaviour' recorded between 2013/14 – 2014/15 due to changes in recording practice, and an increase in complaints categorised as 'other neglect or failure in duty' due to a change in recording practices following recommendations from the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC). The PCC was reassured that the force had its own Independent Advisory Scrutiny Group to deal with complaints.

T/DCC Robins said he would provide the PCC with a private update outside of the meeting with regards to ongoing conduct cases for serving Police Officers.

The PCC sought reassurance that the new IPCC guidelines for handling cases of discrimination would be implemented across West Yorkshire as a whole and that the Professional Standards Department (PSD) would review the implementation, and further scrutiny would take place through the force's Equality Board.

The PCC questioned why there had been an increase (60%) in the number of complaint allegations in Calderdale. He was advised that the increase was due to Calderdale being a smaller district with smaller numbers with disproportionately affecting percentages.

The PCC asked a question about the Service Recovery Pilot, he was aware it had a positive impact with regards to the local resolution of complaints and was reassured that PSD would be working with the Programme of Change Team to ensure that lessons learned from the approach were being disseminated across districts. T/CC Collins added that a process with sustainability would need to be considered. The PCC was to be provided with a report to the next Bilateral meeting in relation to the Service Recovery Pilot.

T/CC Collins also said that the increase in allegations of discreditable conduct over the last 12 months was due to the proactivity of the Counter Corruption Team, These were disproportionately low numbers for an organisation the size of West Yorkshire Police.

The PCC queried how lessons learned from appeals were disseminated across the force and how they would be incorporated into day to day practices. T/CC advised that this was done through PSD, publications like the force internal newspaper 'the Beat', through supervisors, via roadshows and through the Police Federation network.

Actions

- a) For future reports to include more narrative and trend information.
- b) For a future Bilateral meeting to be provided with a report on the Service Recovery Pilot.

➤ *Julie Reid left the meeting*

8. Date of the next meeting and future Agenda Items

It was agreed that the next meeting on 3 November 2015 would include reports on Integrated Offender Management, Anti-Social Behaviour and IT (Handheld Devices and Body Worn Cameras). The meeting on the 12 January 2016 would consider reports on Hate Crime, Volunteers, CSE and Human Trafficking.

9. Any other business

There were no items of any other business raised at the meeting.