

Force Performance Scrutiny Meeting
Thursday 29 May 2014
9:00am, PCC's Conference Room, Hoffmanns Way

Present:-

Lindsay Whitehouse, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner (DPCC) for Essex	LW
Carly Fry, Assistant Director Performance and Scrutiny, OPCC	CF
Derek Benson, Deputy Chief Constable Essex Police (EP)	DB
Wil Kennedy, Head of Strategic Change Management Department, EP	WK
Steve Shoesmith, Head of performance, programme and planning	ID
Detective Superintendent Ewen Wilson, Deputy head of public protection	EW
Inspector Ian Carter, Equality of service manager	IC
Tina Bateman, Performance and scrutiny Officer, OPCC	TB

	Matter Raised	Action	Owner	Date for Completion
1.	<p>Matters arising The actions raised relating to procurement will be transferred to the monthly finance meeting.</p>	48/14 The Head of procurement is to be advised and provided with list of actions, point of contact and the date of the next meeting.	TB	19/06/14
2.	<p>Minutes of Performance Meeting held on 24 April 2014 The minutes of the meeting were agreed.</p>	Publication on PCC website	JK	04/07/14
3.	<p>Monthly Force Performance Reports: A detailed report on Force performance for April 2014 was presented by Wil Kennedy (WK), Head of the Strategic Change Management department, Essex Police. Additional discussion was had around the following: Domestic abuse Comparable data is now available for the previous year, following the change to the ACPO definition of Domestic abuse adopted by the force in April 2013. The increase seen in the number of offences against April the previous year is in line with the current trend. Essex Police are to launch a new summer campaign against domestic abuse this month. Supporting victims of crime The Deputy Chief Constable is to review customer satisfaction</p>			

<p>with a view to improve the current EP ranking against most similar group (MSG).</p> <p>LW raised a query as to why there had been a decrease in the number of emergency calls answered within standard, but an increase in answering non-emergency calls.</p> <p>Alcohol and drug abuse and mental health issues LW advised that the outcome of the New initiatives funded project looking at the Night Time Economy (NTE) in Chelmsford would soon be available.</p> <p>EW advised ACC Mason (lead for Mental health) is looking at options used by the Metropolitan Police for interaction below the crisis point. Street triage is also being used to identify options to assist.</p> <p>Road safety The number of people killed or seriously injured (KSI) in road collisions had increased to 56 for April 2014 from 37 for April the previous year. Of these 2 were KSI fatalities, against 4 recorded in April 2013. It was noted that this is one months' data only.</p> <p>Improving Crime Prevention The number of all crime offences for April 2014 was 419 more than for April the previous year.</p> <p>The full HMIC report on data integrity is expected to be published this month. WK is keeping data recording under review.</p>	<p>49/14 Decrease in emergency calls answered within standard to be investigated and reported back to LW.</p> <p>50/14 Copy of NTE report to be provided to WK</p> <p>51/14 EP to keep OPCC informed of progress.</p> <p>52/14 Review outcomes to be shared with OPCC</p>	<p>WK</p> <p>LW</p> <p>WK</p>	<p>26/06/14</p> <p>When report available</p>
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	<p>The new format of the report was discussed and generally approved</p>			
4.	<p>Domestic abuse – Quarterly report</p> <p>Detective Superintendent Ewen Wilson presented the report. He advised of an improvement in the number of solved rates by a factor of 338 cases. Evidence based prosecutions have resulted in 41 additional cases being brought to justice. Between April 2013 and March 2014 the districts with the most reported incidents of domestic abuse were Southend, Basildon, Colchester, Thurrock and Tendring.</p> <p>Operation Shield uses a risk modelling technique to identify those offenders most likely to reoffend and to cause serious harm, to assist the decision around police and partnership response. There are currently 106 perpetrators within the op. Shield cohort.</p> <p>Domestic Violence Prevention Notices/Orders will be launched by Essex Police in June 2014. The objective is to secure a co-ordinated approach across agencies for the protection of victims and the management of perpetrators.</p> <p>The importance of good communications to encourage confidence in reporting and publicising new legislation relating to disclosure was highlighted.</p> <p>CF commented that in response to HMIC recommendations EP media should proactively ensure that staff are aware of the</p>	<p>53/14 Question for next challenge meeting to ask ‘what has been done in last 6 months with regard to domestic abuse’</p>	<p>Gwanwyn Mason</p>	<p>1/07/14</p>

	<p>overall aims of the domestic abuse programme. EW advised that Media regularly attend the domestic abuse oversight meeting and take actions and opportunities from the meetings.</p> <p>CF suggested that actions to schedule a new programme of face-to-face training for operational staff and the action to assess the outcome of peer review to develop an action plan should remain separate items.</p>			
5.	<p>Stop and search report</p> <p>Inspector Ian Carter presented this report. He advised that a monthly stop and search report is scrutinised at ACC monitoring and performance meetings.</p> <p>Additional discussion was had around the following:</p> <p>EP are proactively engaging with the College of Policing to obtain further information around the Home Office proposed 'Best use of stop and search scheme'. IC advised that the detail has not yet been released and that it has been indicated that this may include lay people accompanying officers on patrol or scrutiny of paperwork. The requirement for vetting, as well as safeguarding of those lay people while on patrol, was noted.</p> <p>The presence of visitors and transient people in some districts can lead to disparity between street and census populations. This may give rise to disproportionality of data and highlights a requirement for evidence based information behind stop and searches. This point is to be brought to the attention of the Strategic Independent Advisory Group (IAG), who act as</p>			

	<p>external consultants for the audit process. Districts without custody facilities previously impacted the figures elsewhere, but this has now been corrected.</p> <p>CF advised that the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner should be informed of any media campaigns and may wish to provide comment.</p> <p>WK advised that action plan areas of high risk are factored into the audit plan to ensure the review of compliance.</p>	<p>54/14 OPCC to be informed of EP media campaigns around Stop and search.</p> <p>55/14 TB to be advised of review of action plans.</p>	<p>IC</p> <p>WK</p>	
6.	<p>Any other business:</p> <p>WK requested comment and feedback on the reports presented to the meeting. WK advised if acceptable they will be used as templates for future reports. All agreed the format and content were appropriate.</p>			
7.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>Thursday 26th June 2014 9:00– 11:00, OPCC Conference room, Hoffmanns Way.</p>		

