

Force Performance Scrutiny Meeting
Thursday 28 May 2015
9:00am, PCC's Conference Room, Hoffmanns Way

Present:-

Lindsay Whitehouse, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner (DPCC), Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)	LW
Derek Benson, Deputy Chief Constable, Essex Police	DB
Wil Kennedy, Head of Corporate Services, EP	WK
Carly Fry, Assistant Director, Performance and Scrutiny, OPCC	CF
Jan Klimkowski, Communications Manager, OPCC	JK
DCI Scott Cannon, Essex Police	SC
Det. Supt. Mark Wheeler, Essex Police	MW
T/Det. Supt. Stuart Hooper, Essex Police	SH
Tina Bateman, Performance and Scrutiny Officer	TB

	Matter Raised	Action	Owner	Date for Completion
1.	<p>Matters arising The actions from the previous meeting were addressed as follows:</p> <p>17/15 – SH progressing 19/15 - completed 24/15 – SH progressing 25/15 – due 25.06.15 27/15 – to follow 28/15 – completed 30/15 – Repeat victims of crime data provided by crime type 31/15 - completed</p>	<p>32/15 – LW requested further data for repeat victims of the same crime type. WK to review previous years data, with time constraints on effort required.</p>	WK	All for completion by 25 th June 2015
2.	<p>Minutes of Performance Meeting held on 30 April 2015</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting were agreed.</p>	To be published on website	JK	5.06.15
3.	<p>Monthly Force Performance Reports:</p> <p>A detailed update report on Force performance for April 2015 was presented by Wil Kennedy. He advised that due to technical difficulties it had not been possible to provide all the usual data parameters for the Performance update this time.</p> <p>Additional discussion was undertaken around the following:</p> <p>Supporting victims of crime It was noted that OPCC is to be provided with report regarding the</p>	Emergency response report to	SS	

	<p>decrease in emergency response, identifying the key types of incidents at the June meeting. WK advised analytical work from the working group established by ACC Wortley to look into this matter, will be included.</p> <p>Tackling consequences of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and Mental Health issues</p> <p>The successful launch of the drug testing upon arrest was noted. Data from the pilot scheme had shown 47% of those arrested tested positive for class A drugs.</p> <p>The change in the format of the Performance summary was noted. WK advised that this was in part due to the transition to the HMIC crime tree categories and part due to technical problems.</p> <p>Improving Crime Prevention</p> <p>The Chief Constable has tasked the Principal Advisor to Crime & Public Protection to visit local policing areas to mentor officers regarding increased numbers of crime incidents and the improvement of solved rates, with particular focus on threat, harm and risk.</p>	<p>OPCC (Action 25/15 – see above)</p> <p>33/15 – Data for drug testing on arrest to be included in future reports.</p> <p>34/15 – Absence of Racially aggravated Crime data to be checked.</p>	<p>WK</p> <p>WK</p>	<p>25.06.15</p> <p>25.06.15</p>
4	<p>Rape and Sexual Violence Quarterly report (Q4 January to March 2015)</p> <p>DCI Scott Cannon presented this report. Further discussion was as follows.</p> <p>SC stated there had been a 32% increase in rape across the County last year, which is in line with the national average of 32%. For Q4 recorded rape incidents increased by 43% compared to the same period the previous year.</p> <p>One third of rape victims are unresponsive of criminal investigations and 40% of rapes are associated to Domestic Abuse.</p> <p>The ‘Don’t cross the line’ campaign encouraging people to stay safe, including use of licensed taxi’s and keeping an eye on their drink, is part of the long term educational work being undertaken by the force, visiting schools and universities.</p>			

	<p>LW highlighted that the number of crimes solved had not risen in proportion to the increase in recorded crimes. DB advised this would be based on the assumption that resourcing had increased at the same rate. He stated that EP adjust resources to changes in crime patterns on a constant basis, but in times of austerity this can be difficult. DC stated that historical reports, evidential challenges, changes to the National Crime Recording Scheme and third party disclosures were also factors affecting the solved rate.</p> <p>JK stated that the PCC felt there is a need to understand relationships between victims and offenders better and has offered to commission a bespoke analysis of one years' data.</p> <p>SC advised that that a more detailed breakdown was available, which had been undertaken by Belinda Hunt, crime analyst. He advised that part of the Public protection review was looking at demand management.</p>	<p>35/15 – EP to consider PCC offer to fund analysis of one years' Rape/sexual violence data.</p> <p>36/15 – Detailed breakdown of victims and perpetrators of rape and sexual violent crime to be shared with OPCC.</p>	<p>WK</p> <p>SC</p>	<p>25.06.15</p> <p>25.06.15</p>
5	<p>Domestic Abuse quarterly report – January to March 2015 Det. Supt. Mark Wheeler presented this report. Further discussion was as follows: The number of incidents of Domestic Abuse reported in this period was in line with the three year average. The increase in incidents classified as high risk was noted. MW advised that EP is a high user of Domestic Violence Prevention Orders and Notices. Cases are made out well and only 10% are rejected by the court.</p> <p>EP are to present an update of progress against the Domestic Abuse action plan to the coroner in June. It is expected that current amber issues will move to green as a result of the project teams findings. The OPCC asked for more information about the force's progress with the coroner's findings in the inquest into the death of Maria Stubbings MW suggested a meeting with CI Tom Simons and CF to discuss the</p>	<p>37/15 – To arrange a date for meeting to discuss EP progress with the coroner's findings in the inquest into the death of Maria Stubbings .</p>	<p>CF</p>	<p>12.06.15</p>

	<p>report. SH added that the meeting should also involve the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Force solicitor.</p> <p>MW advised that although there is a current lack of communication between IT systems the Athena system will be able to combine information to address management information.</p>			
6	<p>Gangs: OCGs and youth violence report T/Det. Supt. Stuart Hooper presented this report. Further discussion was as follows:</p> <p>SH advised that the Organised Crime Local profiles in Essex and Kent have been launched. These may be considered by local partners to enable an appropriate form of action to be implemented.</p> <p>Findings from the Home Office supported peer review of Tendring district are being used to support the development of Essex Police response through the Serious Crime Directorate. A gang strategy with an assessment tool has been developed and the force has moved to a new control strategy with one area responsible for co-ordination and dealing with violence and vulnerability.</p> <p>SH highlighted the role of local housing authorities, who can provide any appropriate intelligence around individuals relocated into this area and will also be able to identify vulnerable victims. SH has been invited to attend Safer Essex. Business forums are also a source of intelligence.</p> <p>SH advised the age of drug runners is getting younger and there is a link to trafficking and modern slavery. A bid has been made for Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA) funding for a 1-2 year co-ordinator role, for anti-slavery.</p> <p>SH stated he is trying to re-form the analysts meeting for July. It would be appropriate for this meeting to look at how to co-ordinate all data from partners to deliver against the gang strategy. Innovation funding from the Home Office will provide the data tool.</p>	<p>38/15 – LW to share details of local housing meetings with SH.</p> <p>39/15 – LW will review funding a 1-2 year co-ordinator role, for anti-slavery work (above). The OPCC would need a bid and a job description in order to be able to do this.</p>	<p>LW</p> <p>LW</p> <p>WK</p>	<p>25.06.15</p> <p>25.06.15</p> <p>25.06.15</p>

	LW referred to initiatives whereby hotel workers and taxi drivers are trained to identify those who may be at risk and to feed-back information. SH advised the NHS provide a similar training package for hidden harm. He is to discuss the merit of training for key workers within the wider aspect of the hidden harm agenda with Det. Supt. Lucy Morris.			
7	<p>Any other business</p> <p>CF noted the next Synergy meeting (end of July). G Myddelton and G Mason will be attending with regards to commissioning and engagement respectively.</p> <p>JK queried that within the Performance Summary Rape figures are given for 'Under 16 years' and 'over 16 years'. He requested clarification regarding the inclusion of those who are of 16 years of age.</p>	40/15 OPCC to be advised which category includes those of 16 years of age.	WK	25.06.15
	Date of Next Meeting	Thursday 25 th June 2015 9:00– 11:00, OPCC Conference room		