

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR BEDFORDSHIRE

BUSINESS REVIEW MEETING

DATE: 25 JUNE 2024

Chair: Wayne Humberstone, Director of OPCC Operations

	Business Review Meeting	Action
	<p>Attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wayne Humberstone Phil Eaton Louisa Glynn Gemma McCormack Tara Malciw Nicola Bayliss Kiran Nandha Jennifer Grant Pauline Stewart Katie Beaumont Leanne Friel Lara Lewis Samantha Denness Bethany Coles <p>Apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Francoise Julian 	
1.	WH opened the meeting.	
2.	<p>A/CEO Wayne Humberstone</p> <p>Brief overview within the OPCC</p> <p>A discussion was had regarding staffing within the OPCC and the temporary positions with a view to keep business continuity in the short term until the Police and Crime Plan identifies any lack of personnel such as a Data Analyst.</p>	
3.	<p>Compliance/Transparency/Governance</p> <p>Katie Beaumont provided a brief overview and update within Governance and Transparency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A number of the team and a member of the Police Service have been working towards the Police and Crime Plan and consultation documents. Once reviewed the OPCC will be brought together to discuss next steps. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police and Crime Panel will be held on the 16 July 2024. • Police Appeals Tribunals (5) – 2 dismissed and 3 ongoing. No major issues. • Governance audit has received substantial assurance (good news). Papers are available. 	
4.	<p>Bedfordshire’s Violence and Exploitation Reduction Unit (VERU)</p> <p>Wayne Humberstone thanked both Cara Gavin and Kiran Nandha for putting together 12 interventions and getting the job done.</p> <p>Cara Gavin provided an update regarding the VERU.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Q1 returns will be submitted. • A suite of 12 interventions are in place to support young people from 10 / 25 years. • Commissioning the University of Birmingham’s Centre for Criminal Justice and Policing to do an impact evaluation of the interventions with an immediate start. Along with a place based evaluation – critical eye on how the VERU is run currently, with a view to strengthen things for any future bids into the Home Office post March 2025. • Teamed up with the Police Service, who are providing an evaluation and report for the VERU. • Intervention partnering – trying to link with Private Sector organisations tapping into social value responsibility and the return into local communities. <p>Cara will run through the interventions at the next BRM to provide an overview. Action Cara Gavin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Navigator schemes – A&E Navigators, School Navigators and Custody Navigators. • Consideration is being given in the future to potentially move the VERU, from a standalone unit towards a more partnership focussed role and a possible change of name to fit with its purpose. Communication with the Partnership may begin subject to confirmation of sustainable funding. • VERU youth voice panel to support decision making – plans to go out to partner local organisations to put a youth engagement framework together. Possible platform for young people to showcase their work. 	
5.	<p>Commissioning and Income Generation Lead</p> <p>Louisa Glynn and Tara Malciw provided an update on Commissioning.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q1 monitoring and evaluation taking place through July. • RASA – Rape and Sexual Assault Fund. There is an underspend due to the intervention late start at the beginning of August. • OPCC and VERU Partners networking event planned for 15 July. PCC and DPCC will be in attendance for 90 minutes. • Support for DPCC to meet and visit partners is imperative. • A meeting, working through processes and a peer review with Norfolk Commissioners Office recently identified actions from immediate to longer term planning. 	
6.	<p>Project Manager – Policing and Contact</p> <p>Phil Eaton provided an update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer Streets – Pol-Ed Programme update as of 9 June. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The programme has been introduced into 52.8% of all schools across the county. ➤ Bedford Borough – Primary Schools 33 and Secondary Schools 27 – 1 session to 30 pupils. ➤ Central Beds - Primary Schools 40 and Secondary Schools 35 – 10 sessions delivered to 300 pupils. ➤ Luton – Primary Schools 28 and Secondary Schools 25 – 8 sessions delivered to 240 pupils. • Results are after 5 weeks of the launch with a 52% uptake which is positive. Other examples provided as to what can be uploaded into the product which is commissioned until September 2025. • Safer Streets 5 – designed to manage itself. Karen Cotton working to support the OPCC with an event. • Public Access Terminals – a paper for the Police and Crime Panel has been provided. Monthly updates are reported to whomever has a terminal. Morrison’s are proactive with a good uptake and various activity recorded. Central Beds team exploring the terminal for use in Asda in Biggleswade. • Chrysalis Centre – Fully staffed and no backlog. Looking at how to continue building referrals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Chrysalis Centre Conference on the 16 September – anyone wishing to attend speak with Phil Eaton. ➤ Currently looking at funding post 2025 for the Chrysalis Centre. 	

7.	<p>Criminal Justice Project Manager</p> <p>Nothing at this time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal Justice updates • Victim Needs Analysis (VNA) updates • BRM (Governance) Risks to raise and mitigations from projects or work 	
8.	<p>Restorative Justice Coordinator</p> <p>Nicola Bayliss provided an update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restorative Justice Updates – no new referrals and currently working on 5 cases. • Working within the schools space to build relationships and deliver training. A session includes working with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) pupils covering emotions and empathy. • Two prison projects took time to mobilise due to changes and challenges within the prison and a decision was made to continue the RJ work within schools. • CPD session with all staff looking at Circles and the facilitation of a pastoral course. Stratton Secondary School is starting in September 24. A collaborative approach to restorative practise. • Nicola is training the Education Diversion Officers (over 3 days) during the summer. • Restorative Justice has been relaunched with Probation – two briefing with both the Luton and Bedford Office. Looking to facilitate training with some of their team. • Linking in with Hertfordshire Restorative Justice re their approaches in prisons. • Nicola is seeking training provider accreditation to support her work with Restorative Justice. 	
9.	<p>Communications</p> <p>Leanne Friel provided an update regarding Comms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting took place with Comms (Police Service and OPCC) and the PCC to discuss his future communication strategy and key messages. • Key areas of work for Comms are the Police and Crime Plan – public consultation reaching different areas. • Leanne is picking up the Website Project – launch in October. There is a move toward a single online pay recommended by the APCC. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PCC has a column in the Bedford Independent. Internally a possible quarterly PCC / OPCC update on the Internet. 	
10.	<p>Events and Engagement OPCC</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15 July 2024 - OPCC and VERU networking Partner's Event 16 September 2024 - Chrysalis Centre Conference <p>Banners for the events need to be located and secured either from the Safer Streets Hub or in the Storage cupboard.</p>	
11.	<p>Executive Personal Assistant Update</p> <p>Pauline Stewart provided a brief overview.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pauline Stewart has returned to her previous position as EA to the A/CEO. Gemma McCormack is the EA to the PCC and Office Manager. 	
14.	<p>AOB</p> <p>None</p>	