

MINUTES of a meeting of the **DERBYSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL** held on 14 September 2017 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor C Hart (in the Chair)

Councillors, C Dale (Bolsover District Council), J Frudd (Derbyshire County Council), G Hickton (Erewash Borough Council), J McCabe (High Peak Borough Council), C Ludlow (Chesterfield Borough Council), S Marshall (Derby City Council), P Murray (South Derbyshire District Council), B Murray-Carr (Bolsover District Council), J Orton (Amber Valley Borough Council) G Purdy (Derbyshire Dales District Council) and V Newbury (Independent Member).

Derbyshire County Council officers also in attendance: E Wild (Legal Services) D Rose (Improvement and Scrutiny Officer) and I Walters (Democratic Services Officer).

H Dhindsa, Police and Crime Commissioner, and D Peet, Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors B Atkins (Derbyshire County Council), H Elliott (Derbyshire County Council), D Froggatt (Derby City Council), J Lilley (NE Derbyshire District Council), P Pegg (Derby City Council), G Potter (Derby City Council), Dr S Handsley and K Jackson-Horner.

31/17 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meetings of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel held on 13 July 2017.

32/17 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER** Hardyal Dhindsa, Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire, presented the draft Annual Report for the period 1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017 in accordance with Section 12 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and also made a number of comments and observations on the Annual Report, to which the Police and Crime Commissioner responded.

RESOLVED (1) to recommend to the Police and Crime Commissioner that the Annual Report 2016-17 be issued subject to the agreed amendments; and

(2) that the report be published via the Police & Crime Commissioner's Website, www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk.

33/17 POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE REPORT

Hardyal Dhindsa, Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Derbyshire, gave an update on some of the areas of work that he had recently undertaken.

The Commissioner updated Panel Members in relation to community engagement work and focused particularly on The new 'Listening to You' 2017/18 consultation which was launched on 1st August 2017 with 108 surveys completed so far. 21 public consultation events had been held since the last Police & Crime Panel in July and additionally, 36 hate crime surveys had been completed since the recent launch back in July 2017. In relation to the #D383 pledge - 103 of 383 locations have now been visited (This equated to 27% of the total)

Reference was made to the SCAMBassador Initiative led by National Trading Standards' Friends Against Scams scheme. It officially became a SCAMBassador during Scam Awareness Month in July 2017. The role would entail the PCC raising awareness of fraud and the impact it had on victims especially in Derbyshire.

Building on the success of Derby City Summit the first Chesterfield Town Summit was held on 14th July and was attended by the town council, local authority, voluntary sector, councillors and the police. Rough sleeping and street drinking were two key issues identified. Two sub-groups had been setup – Enforcement and Treatment/support

The Alcohol Action campaign was a Month long campaign during September to increase the safety of students and young people on a night out. The PCC had funded the DrinkAware 'CREW' scheme which would commence in Derby during freshers' week. Specialist workers would work in bars and clubs to identify and support vulnerable young people affected by alcohol aged 18-24. A PCC initiative would see up to 2,500 students at Derby University sign up to the 18+ Citizen Card Coordinated between the OPCC, Students Union and the Constabulary. It would provide students with a free proof of age card to save them carrying passports and driving licenses to reduce their risk of identity theft.

Details were also given of the number of successful small grants awarded since the last meeting along with a list of upcoming events.

Panel members were given the opportunity to ask questions and also made a number of comments and observations on the update, to which the Police and Crime Commissioner responded.

RESOLVED to note the update provided.

34/17 POLICE & CRIME PLAN STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3 : SUPPORTING THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, INCLUDING THOSE WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES WHO COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AS VICTIM OR OFFENDER TO GET THE RIGHT SUPPORT FROM THE RIGHT AGENCIES AT THE RIGHT TIME Members were informed of progress made against Strategic Priority 4 of the 2016-2021 Police & Crim Plan for Derbyshire.

Section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983 allows for a police officer to remove a person who appears to be suffering from mental disorder and to be in immediate need of care and control to a place of safety. A police station (police custody) has been considered such a place of safety.

This practice has received significant criticism as a custody environment is not an ideal location to support someone who is experiencing some form of mental health crisis. As Home Secretary the now Prime Minister highlighted this issue and worked to ensure that legislative change was brought about to stop it.

Section 81 of the Policing and Crime Act 2017 deals with this issue. It prevents the use of police stations as a place of safety for anyone under 18. It does allow, under regulation, the use of police stations as a place of safety for those over 18 under specified circumstances.

The Derbyshire PCC and the Chief Constable (both former and present) agree that a police station is not an appropriate location for someone in mental health crisis to be taken to. As such the PCC has challenged the Chief to ensure that this does not happen.

The PCC is pleased to be able to report that since his election there have been no detentions under section 136 in police stations in Derbyshire.

It should be noted that there will be occasions where someone is arrested who is also displaying signs of some form of mental health issues and that they will be detained in police custody. However, anyone displaying

signs of mental health distress will receive an assessment and relevant support whilst being detained.

It should also be noted that there are significant concerns held by the PCC, the Force and partners about funding of mental health services and the provision of suitable alternatives as places of safety and significant amounts of police time are used staying with people detained until such time as a suitable place of safety is located.

In his previous role as Deputy PCC, the PCC lead on Mental Health and was instrumental in the successful delivery of the Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat for Derbyshire. The PCC continued to co-chair the concordat meetings along with the lead commissioner for mental health services in Derbyshire. The PCC had presented reports to the County and City Health and Wellbeing boards to ensure that partners understood the work that had been undertaken and to obtain agreement from partners to continue with this approach.

The Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat Strategic Group had developed an action plan for the delivery against the objectives of the Concordat and had identified lead agencies who are held to account for their delivery of actions. This is available through the concordat's website.

The Force and partners continued to deliver a mental health support/triage service in Derbyshire. Mental health professionals are co-located within the Force's contact centre and are able to provide advice and assistance to officers on the ground when dealing with issues. It is now possible for those mental health professionals to access patient information for those the police are dealing with which allows the response and support to be tailored to the individual needs of people the police are dealing with.

The PCC and partners are keen to see this work developed further and recently attended a presentation on an approach that has been piloted in Hampshire that sees additional resources made available to support a cohort of people who are the highest users of police and mental health services. It is hoped that by adopting this approach mental health professionals will be able to identify emerging issues and provide the support needed at an earlier stage, therefore reducing the call on emergency services, such as the police.

Numerous pieces of research into the reporting of hate crime had shown that there is a significant under-reporting of the crime in general and that this is particularly acute when looking at disability hate crime. Many vulnerable people had mental health and learning disability needs. The PCC has helped promote awareness raising around how to report Hate Crime

experienced by them. As part of the PCC's continued commitment to supporting victims of crime, and in particular hate crime, a specific service had been commissioned to support these victims. The PCC and partners had also launched a campaign to raise awareness of hate crime. The Step Up Beat Hate campaign is a joint-agency pilot, led by Derbyshire Victims Services' provider Remedi and the Restorative Justice Council (RJC). The aim of the campaign is to increase awareness of the benefits of restorative justice (RJ) among past and current victims of hate crime. It also supports the PCC's goals to improve support to victims of hate crime across the county and encourage more survivors to report their experiences to police. Agenda Item 6 The impact of this pilot is due to be reported later in the year and the PCC will report the headline findings to the Panel when available.

Ensuring that those who worked within the Derbyshire Policing Family remains important to the PCC. Over Mental Health Awareness week the PCC supported a number of events with partners from the Police Federation and UNISON to raise awareness of good mental health. The PCC also produced a video on mindfulness and how it could have a positive impact on people's working patterns. It was posted on the Force's intranet and had been well received. As a result of the positive impact of the variety of activities that were delivered during Mental Health Awareness week the PCC and Force are keen to see this become part of an annual programme of events and to ensure that it is offered as widely as possible, not just at headquarters.

Panel members were given the opportunity to ask questions and also made a number of comments and observations on the update, to which the Police and Crime Commissioner responded.

RESOLVED to note the report on the progress against this Police and Crime Plan Objective

35/17 REGIONAL COLLABORATION AND PCC BUDGET
MONITORING WORKING GROUPS At the last Panel meeting on 13 July 2017, members discussed membership of the regional collaboration and budget monitoring working groups. As agreed at the Panel meeting, Panel members received further information on the role and objectives of these two working groups. The information was also appended to the report.

If membership was approved for both working groups, work programmes and a timetable of meetings would be developed, proposed to be on a quarterly basis. Information had been provided on the proposed key lines of enquiry for both working groups. However, it was anticipated that other areas of scrutiny would develop over time. Members noted that the Office of

the Police and Crime Commissioner had offered continued support for both working groups, providing officer resource with regard information provision.

RESOLVED (1) that Councillors J McCabe, G Purdy, G Hickton and Dr S Handsley (tbc) be appointed to the PCC Budget Monitoring Group; and

(2) that Councillors G Potter, J Orton, G Purdy, J Frudd and V Newbury be appointed to the Regional Collaboration Working Group.

36/17 FEEDBACK ON CONSULTATION FOR NATIONAL REPRESENTATION OF POLICE & CRIME PANELS The Chairman of the Panel had received a consultation paper in August 2017 with regard to developing national representation of PCPs. The consultation paper was written by member and officer representatives from PCPs across the country, as agreed following the Local Government Association Police and Crime Panel conference in July 2017. The consultation paper requested feedback on different options of developing national representation, from a national association, a special interest group or a combination of the two.

The Panel's proposed feedback to the consultation paper was appended to the Director of Legal Services report. If approved, the feedback would be sent to the relevant officer. The deadline for responses was 22 September 2017. The following timeline was also proposed to develop national representation:

- A paper containing the results of the consultation including options/recommendations would be circulated by 13 October.
- Options and recommendations would be discussed at the PCPs' Annual Conference on 6 November in Birmingham and a decision made as to the way forward.

RESOLVED to approve the feedback to the consultation, as appended to the Director of Legal Services report.

28/17 POLICE AND CRIME PANEL COMMUNICATIONS Following consideration at earlier Panel meetings discussions had been undertaken with the Communications team about promoting the work of the Panel.

A draft copy of the new quarterly newsletter outlining the work of the Panel was circulated with the aim being to reach out to a wider audience using whatever distribution networks were available.

RESOLVED to not the update

29/17 **RECENT/FORTHCOMING EVENTS** David Rose, Improvement and Scrutiny informed members that the 6th National PCP Conference was on 6 November 2017 at Warwick Conference Centre. David would contact members for expressions of interest though places would be limited to two or three participants.

The PCC reminded members that Hate Crime Awareness week would take place in mid October and to keep an eye out for the various events taking place throughout the county.

30/17 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING RESOLVED** to note that the next meeting of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel would take place on Thursday 16 November 2017 at 11.00 am at County Hall, Matlock.