**Meeting: Policing Board**

**Venue: Teams Meeting**

**Date: 11th June 2024**

**Time: 15:00-16:00**

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| **Members:** | Police and Crime Commissioner, Dafydd Llywelyn (PCC)  Deputy Chief Constable, Steve Cockwell (DCC)  Director of Finance, Edwin Harries (DoF)  OPCC Temporary Chief Finance Officer, Nicola Davies OPCC (TCFO)  OPCC Head of Assurance, Donna Cronin (HoA) |
| **Also Present:** | Staff Officer, A/Insp Gemma Starkey (GS)  OPCC Executive Support Officer, Sophie Morgan (SM) |
| **Apologies:** | Chief Constable, Dr Richard Lewis (CC)  OPCC Chief Executive, Carys Morgans OPCC (CEX)  OPCC Chief Finance Officer, Beverley Peatling OPCC (CFO) |

**Decisions arising from meeting on 11/06/2024**

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| Decision No. |  |
| PB010 | The PCC agreed to sign the ISC Police Agreement. |
| PB011 | The PCC approved the awarding of a four-year contract for Provision of Forensic Medical Services for Sexual Assault Referral Centres to Nurture Health and Care Limited at a cost of £1,527,843 to the Force. |
| PB012 | The PCC agreed to send approval for the deployment of officers on mutual aid to the Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games 2024. |

## Apologies and Introductions

The PCC welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from the CC, CEX and CFO.

## Update on actions from previous meetings

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| Action No. | Action Summary | Update |
| PB 001 | Agenda for Chief Officers Away Day to be drafted | **In Progress** |
| PB 002 | OPCC/PC to be notified of Critical Incidents and that there is an OPCC representative on the Gold Group. To be included in the revised Corporate Governance Framework | **In Progress** |
| PB 003 | Policing Board meeting to be scheduled in place of Police Accountability Board in June 2024 | **Completed** |
| PB 004 | Force to provide a proposal paper on ACC additionality and increased requirements for specialist legal services through Chambers. | **In Progress** |
| PB 005 | OPCC to discuss storage and display of museum artefacts with Staff Officer. | **In Progress** |
| PB 006 | Donna Cronin OPCC Head of Assurance and Supt Phil Rowe to meet to discuss concerns raised with PCC | **In Progress** |

**PB 006-**The PCC asked the HoA if there was an update on this action. HoA stated that she had discussed the matter with Supt Phil Rowe and that he was making enquiries. HoA would provide further updates to the PCC when available.

## Standing Items

### Chief Constable’s Update

### The Board discussed the previously circulated CC update. The PCC noted from the report, the tragic incidents including the 3 fatalities since the last update.

The PCC queried the Personal Safety Training requirements detailed in the report and asked if the small timeframe for the requirements to be completed had been raised with the College of Policing. The DCC stated that he had raised the matter with a representative of the College of Policing and asked if the additional requirements by the College of Policing had been looked at regarding impact on forces. The DCC was assured that the work had been tasked out to complete, however the Force had not seen anything in respect of that yet.

The PCC was reassured that the matter had been raised with the College of Policing.

The DCC raised the incident of the sexual assault in Goodwick and the work undertaken to secure the charges.

The DCC shared with the PCC a positive update on Force Command Centre (FCC) performance regarding a decrease in non-emergency abandonment rates for the previous week. Previously abandonment rates had been 35% and above with the additional staff total abandonment rate had decreased to 13-16%.

The PCC stated that he had discussed with the CC his intention to visit the FCC during the coming weeks.

**Action- PCC to visit the FCC during the summer period.**

### Police and Crime Commissioner’s Update

The PCC provided a brief update on his activities and meetings that took place since the last update and an update on the PCC’s upcoming commitments.

### Force Review

The Board considered the Force Review report regarding the various tranches of activity taking place.

The DCC commented on the expansion of the Domestic Abuse Virtual Response Officers (DAVRO) into Powys and Ceredigion on the 9th of June. Work had been undertaken on the triage and assessment tool however because of its links into Niche and Motorola, whilst the algorithm will be ready in July, it won’t be deployed into a live environment until September.

The DCC stated that there will be a focus on tranche 4- Senior Leader Portfolios & Operational Alignment in line with “Local Ownership – Local Delivery”. Having looked at the interdependencies, several items are dependent on the type of operating model that is taken forward in terms of overall structure. Further work will be undertaken during the week in respect of delivering the work further.

The PCC proposed a Policing Board meeting during September/October with a specific focus on the Force Review

**Action- Policing Board meeting during September/October 2024 to focus specifically on Force Review.**

## Matters for Discussion

1. **Revisiting recommendations on outcome 22 and disproportionality**

The Board considered the report regarding the use of Outcome 22, which identified a gap in governance for Youth Justice in the Force. In response to that a Strategic Youth Justice group is to be established which will include DPP local youth representatives and Youth Offending Team and local authority leads, chaired by either ChSupt Edwards or CI Gerallt Jones. The Force is currently identifying all the relevant attendees and plans to hold the first meeting early in July.

The PCC asked if there was a governance structure in place to meet with Youth Offending Teams and is the Force in danger of creating a new meeting when these forums may already exist.

The DCC confirmed that the Force has clear governance that this would go to Strategic Criminal Justice Group and as an operational group the Strategic Youth Justice Group would sit below this. The DCC stated that a subgroup of the Criminal justice Board is currently chaired by the ACC and further groups would plug into existing governance as opposed to replacing or duplicating groups.

1. **HMICFRS: Vetting and anti-corruption part 2: How effective is the National Crime Agency at dealing with corruption?**

The Board considered the report, which detailed that between 2019 and May 2024 the force had received 8 direct Subject Access Requests (SAR) from the UK Financial Intelligence Unit/ National Crime Agency (UKFIU/NCA) and 2 via third parties (e.g., another force). When a direct SAR is received, it will normally be accompanied by an update form which the force is asked to return to the UKFIU/NCA The recommendation has been received as the form had not always been returned and not been chased up.

The PCC asked if the 8-disclosures received from UKFIU/NCA were from Force personnel, the DCC confirmed they were.

The DCC stated that D/Supt Davies has put a process in place so that the update form is completed and returned to UKFIU/NCA with each direct SAR that is received. The update provided confirmed that around half the referrals have been updated. The briefing paper stated that the obligation under this recommendation will be discharged on behalf of the Force.

HoA stated that OPCC policy team are currently preparing a consultation response to this item and HoA suggested the monitoring and oversight of the recommendation from HMICFRS regarding the completion of update forms when a SAR is received by the Force via UKFIU/NCA and the process put in place by D/Sup Davies to ensure the update form is completed is placed within the Professional Standards Department Assurance Board.

**Action-Monitoring and oversight of the recommendation by HMICFRS regarding the completion of update forms for UKFIU/NCA when a SAR is received to be placed within the Professional Standards Assurance Board.**

1. **HMICFRS Child sexual exploitation in England & Wales**

The Board considered the report and noted the work undertaken against the recommendations. The DCC confirmed that 2 of the actions have been completed and signed off by himself in April and these will be updated on the HMICFRS register.

1. **All Wales Protocol for reducing criminalisation of care experienced children & young adults**

The Board considered the update on the matter, the protocol was launched in January with a Niche Occurrence Enquiry Log (OEL) created to draw data out of the system. Initially data was not pulled out of the system to check compliance as it had only just been launched. A vulnerability analyst has been tasked to research care homes in the force area to see if there have been occasions where it should have been used to understand whether the template is being used or if the guidance is not being applied so further action can then be taken.

The PCC queried the timescale for an update on the activity. The DCC asked the Staff Officer to contact the officer for a timescale.

**Action-Staff Officer to query timescale for information to be provided with DCI Briggs. Update report to be brought back to a Policing Board meeting in 3 months’ time and the item to feedback into the outcome 22 forum.**

1. **Secure accommodation for children**

The Board noted the report received from ChInsp Jenna Jones regarding securing overnight accommodation for children.

The HoA stated that there was still an issue and there had been an increase in juveniles being remanded to custody. The PCC discussed the possibility of escalating the matter to a Policing in Wales meeting and highlighting the issue to Welsh Government. The PCC stated that the availability around services and facilities regarding secure accommodation is a local authority/Welsh Government matter not a Force Matter.

The DCC stated that there is good oversight from strategic custody and that this will from part of HMICFRS inspections of custody. The DCC agreed with the PCC regarding secure accommodation being a local authority/Welsh Government matter around provision and raised a case within the Force where there was no secure accommodation available in Wales for the individual.

**Action-PCC to raise the issue of lack of secure accommodation within Wales with Welsh Government and at Policing in Wales.**

## Matters for Decision

1. **International Strategies and Capabilities Team Police Agreement**

The Board discussed the agreement in relation to overseas deployment of officers. The agreement had previously been shared with Legal Services Data Protection and Procurement and there have been ongoing discussions with the Home Office to make sure all required changes were made.

**Decision: The PCC agreed to sign the ISC Police Agreement.**

1. **SARC Forensic Medical Services**

The Board considered a report regarding the procurement of part of the Wales Sexual Abuse Services (WSAS) regionalisation programme which aims to achieve consistency and equity of sexual abuse service provision (models, accessibility and governance) across the South-West Wales region.

Currently each Force has local arrangements to deliver forensic medical examination services to victims. This Contract is intended to provide a single dedicated Service across the Gwent, South Wales and Dyfed Powys Police Force areas. Hubs, where examinations will be delivered, will be based in Cardiff, Swansea, and Aberystwyth for adult examinations, with Paediatric examinations taking place in Cardiff and Swansea. Service Users may attend any SARC centre regardless of force boundaries. The Force will pay 24% of the full cost, the recharge model is based on WSAS formula.

An additional driver for the award of this new contract is the legal requirement for the Service to achieve and maintain ISO 15189:2022, which will not be achieved without a contract for Forensic Medical Services being in place. For the purposes of this contract, South Wales Police is acting as the legal entity for accreditation.

The PCC queried if the contract cost was within budget. DoF stated that the current SARC contract was £393,000 and this contract would come in at around £377,000, however other parts of the bid regarding custody provision is a considerable growth pressure.

The PCC suggested a Policing Board meeting in September/October to focus specifically on budgets and financial impacts.

**Decision: The PCC approved the awarding of a four-year contract for Provision of Forensic Medical Services for Sexual Assault Referral Centres to Nurture Health and Care Limited at a cost of £1,527,843 to the Force over the 4 years.**

**Action-A September/October meeting of Policing Board to focus specifically on budgets and financial impacts.**

## Any Other Business

## Mutual Aid Olympics

The PCC discussed a request via email for authorisation from the PCC for the deployment of officers on mutual aid to the Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games 2024.

**Decision: The PCC agreed to send approval for the deployment of officers on mutual aid to the Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games 2024.**

1. **DCPP Outlier for Homicide**

The PCC noted that the force number are slightly higher than they’ve been in the past. The DCC stated that the way in which homicides are recorded in force are different to how they are recorded for statistics by the Home Office. There were 5 homicides to the period ending April 2024 compared with 4 the previous year. The main difference comes from the recording of attempted murder and how they are classified under these statistics, 11 up to April 2024, 8 of these within the last 6 months. The DCC referenced an incident with 3 attempted murder crimes that were recorded and a stabbing/threats to kill incidents involving two victims. The DCC stated that no patterns of behaviour were noted. A report will go back into the performance portfolio to provide context.

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| Action No. | Action Summary from meeting 11/06/2024 | To be progressed by |
| PB 007 | PCC to visit the FCC during the summer period. | OPCC |
| PB 008 | Policing Board meeting during September/October 2024 to focus specifically on Force Review. | Force |
| PB 009 | Monitoring and oversight of the recommendation by HMICFRS regarding the completion of update forms for UKFIU/NCA when a SAR is received to be placed within the Professional Standards Assurance Board. | OPCC |
| PB 010 | Staff Officer to query timescale for information to be provided with DCI Briggs. Update report to be brough back to a Policing Board meeting in 3 months’ time and the item to feedback into the outcome 22 forum. | Force |
| PB 011 | PCC to raise the issue of lack of secure accommodation for children and young people within Wales with Welsh Government and at Policing in Wales. | OPCC |
| PB 012 | A September/October meeting of Policing Board to focus specifically on budgets and financial impacts. | OPCC |

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