

PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD: NOTE OF THE MEETING

7 September 2023

Attendees present (in person and virtually)

Dr A Billings (Chair)
 M Buttery (Chief Executive & Solicitor, OPCC)
 S Abbott (Chief Finance Officer, OPCC)
 F Topliss (Engagement & Communications Manager, OPCC)
 S Parkin (Governance & Compliance Manager, OPCC)
 S Baldwin (Evaluation & Scrutiny Officer, OPCC)
 K Wright (Evaluation & Scrutiny Officer, OPCC)
 C Smith (Performance & Assurance Officer, OPCC)
 K Dearnley (Engagement & Consultation Officer, OPCC)
 L Poultney (Chief Constable, South Yorkshire Police (SYP))
 T Forber (Deputy Chief Constable, SYP)
 R Alton (Temporary Assistant Chief Constable, SYP)
 J Bland (Assistant Chief Officer Resources, SYP)
 D Carrington (Chief Finance Officer, SYP)
 I Proffitt (Chief Superintendent, Doncaster, SYP)
 C Bloxham (Superintendent, SYP)
 J Humphries (Violence Reduction Unit)
 S Wragg (Chair of the Joint Independent Audit Committee)
 M Lewis (Interim Chair of the Independent Ethics Panel)

Apologies received

E Redfearn, C Goodwin, S Poolman, D Thorpe and D Hartley

NO:	AGENDA ITEM NAME
1	<p><u>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>The Commissioner welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>
2	<p><u>FILMING NOTIFICATION</u></p> <p>The Commissioner confirmed that the meeting was being streamed live on You Tube (SYPCC Media) and was being recorded and uploaded via You Tube to the website (www.southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/) where it can be viewed at a later date.</p>
3	<p><u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u></p> <p>There were no announcements.</p>

4	<p><u>PUBLIC QUESTIONS</u></p> <p>There were no public questions.</p>
5	<p><u>URGENT ITEMS</u></p> <p>The PCC requested assurance in the following areas:</p> <p><u>Body Worn Video</u></p> <p>R Alton provided an update on Body Worn Video (BWV) and the loss of the data between July 2020 and May 2023. SYP is working with criminal justice partners and the judiciary to look at the overall impact this may have on cases. 82 cases have been identified. The impact has been assessed at very low jeopardy in relation to criminal cases. Some of the evidence can be obtained by other means. The main focus is to the victims affected. SYP has a process in place to make sure that if there are any issues that need to be addressed, this can be undertaken on a bespoke basis. Updates are shared with His Honour Judge Jeremy Richardson KC, the Recorder of Sheffield. The Crown Court and Magistrates Courts are being briefed on a regular basis. SYP is compliant with disclosure. Advice and guidance is being given to officers who have a case involving Body Worn Video that supports a case going forward and there is a process in place to follow to make sure disclosure is undertaken at the earliest opportunity. Investigations to establish the root cause is still underway and this may take some time. The main focus is on supporting victims. Gold meetings on BWV are taking place.</p> <p><u>Reinforced Autoclave Aerated Concrete (RAAC)</u></p> <p>The Chief Constable confirmed that she is aware of the concerns about RAAC in public buildings. SYP's Estates Department is investigating whether any of SYP's buildings are affected, and the PCC will be kept informed.</p>
6	<p><u>ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS</u></p> <p>There were no items to be considered in the absence of the public and press.</p>
7	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
8	<p><u>SUMMARY NOTE AND DECISIONS/ACTIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD HELD ON 6 JULY 2023</u></p> <p>The notes of the meeting were agreed as an accurate record.</p>

9	<p><u>ACTIONS AND MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 455 - Further information to be provided on the work of the LADOs (Local Authority Designated Officers), including the benefits of them working with the police on missing people Update: Update provided (see Appendix A). Discharged
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10	<p><u>DONCASTER DISTRICT SUMMARY UPDATE</u></p>
Purpose	To provide assurance to the Public Accountability Board (PAB) and the communities of Doncaster that SYP is committed to working with our partners to deliver the vision and strategic objectives of the Police and Crime Plan.
Key points	<p>A discussion took place with Chief Superintendent Ian Proffitt, the District Commander for Doncaster, about the report in the Agenda Pack. The Commissioner asked questions about the following areas in the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aspiration for a fourth response base at Adwick Police Station • The Incident Triage Team • Retail Crime • Low sickness levels on the district's response teams • Residential burglary • Personal robbery by young people • The membership of Doncaster's Independent Advisory Group • Rural crime • Drugs intervention activity • VAWG (Violence Against Women and Girls) • Domestic Violence Protection Orders • Missing from Home cases • Modern slavery and human trafficking, including "Pop-up" brothels • Operation Duxford
Decision / Action	None

11	<p><u>FORCE PERFORMANCE AGAINST POLICE AND CRIME PLAN – TREATING PEOPLE FAIRLY</u></p>
Purpose	To provide an update on the progress against the 'Treating People Fairly' priority of the Police and Crime Plan, 'Safer Streets More Police (2022-2025)' to support the Commissioner's overarching aim of South Yorkshire being a safe place in which to live, learn, work and travel.
Key points	<p>A discussion took place in the following areas of the report in the Agenda Pack:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive action • Recruitment from 'ethnic minority' backgrounds

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research into the age that people decide to join the police • Hate crime • 'Your Voice Counts' survey results • Stop and search • Special measures (for all domestic abuse victims) training
Decision/ Action	None

12	<u>QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING REPORT (Q1)</u>
Purpose	To inform the Public Accountability Board of the Force's outturn on its revenue and capital budgets as of 31 March 2024. It is based on an analysis of income and expenditure for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 before accounting adjustments.
Key points	<p>D Carrington, SYP's Chief Finance Officer drew attention to the following areas within the report in the Agenda Pack:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SYP is currently projecting a £1.6m underspend (before legacy costs) • The biggest projected underspend is against Gas and Electric costs of £1.2m. This is due to much more favourable prices than originally anticipated • Work is currently taking place to assess the full financial impact of the police pay award announced during early July. It is anticipated that this will be fully funded by the Home Office in the current financial year. However, early indications are that this will be a cost pressure next year and beyond • The 2023/24 savings target is £3.72m of which £3.26m is currently showing as achieved and captured on the savings plan • The capital programme is projected to spend in full • There are a few capital projects which are expected to slip • Overspend on seized dogs
Decision/ Action	None

13	<u>FIREARMS LICENSING REVIEW</u>
Purpose	To inform the Public Accountability Board on the findings from a bi-annual review of Firearms Licensing
Key points	<p>Superintendent C Bloxham, drew attention to the following areas within the report in the Agenda Pack:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of certificate holders in possession of firearms after the expiry of their certificates • The number of temporary certificates issued

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewals are now business as usual • The application process • The grants awaiting input has now returned to business as usual levels • The number of revoked firearms and shotgun licences • Firearms licence appeals
Decision/ Action	None

14	<u>HMICFRS UPDATE</u>
Purpose	To inform the Public Accountability Board that SYP has effective arrangements in place to monitor and progress recommendations made by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary, Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS)
Key points	T Forber provided assurance on SYP's internal governance process in support of delivery against HMICFRS actions.
Decision/ Action	None

15	<u>JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE (JIAC) ASSURANCE REPORT</u>
Purpose	To inform the Commissioner of any exceptions for noting from the JIAC meetings held on 22 June 2023 and 19 July 2023
Key points	S Wragg, Chair of the JIAC, drew attention to the following areas within the report in the Agenda Pack: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Head of Internal Audit's overall assurance opinion – as 'Reasonable' • IT Governance issues • Change of both Internal and External Auditors
Decision/ Action	None

16	<u>PCC'S ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23</u>
Purpose	To receive and comment on the PCC's Annual Report 2022/23

Key points	M Buttery, the OPCC Chief executive & Solicitor, highlighted the following key points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 requires each PCC to produce an annual report • The PCC's Annual Report 2022/23 incorporates the comments of the Police and Crime Panel • The PCC's Annual Report 2022/23 will be designed in a more engaging format before publication • The PCC thanked everyone who had contributed to the Annual Report 2022/23
Decision/ Action	None

17	<u>PCC DECISIONS</u>
Purpose	To provide the Board with a record of key decisions taken by the Commissioner outside of this Board since the last PAB meeting
Key points	M Buttery drew attention to the following points from the report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been four decisions since the last meeting • The PCC's allocation from Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) funding • The Violence Reduction Fund decisions
Decision/ Action	None

18	<u>WORK PROGRAMME</u>
Purpose	To provide the Board with an overview of the content of future meetings
Key points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work programme was noted
Decision/ Action	None

19	<u>AOB</u>
	None

20	<u>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</u>
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	6 November 2023 at 2pm
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PCC Signed 6 November 2023

APPENDIX A

Action 455 - Further information to be provided on the work of the LADOs, including the benefits of them working with the police on missing people

Response

LADO role:

- To coordinate the safeguarding and investigative process in response to allegations made against people working with children.
- To provide advice/guidance to employers or voluntary organisations when there are concerns or allegations about individuals who work with children.
- To liaise with police and other agencies including Ofsted and professional bodies such as the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) General Medical Council (GMC) and the Teaching Regulatory Agency (TRA).
- To monitor the progress of referrals to ensure they are dealt with as quickly as possible, consistent with a thorough and fair process.
- To resolve any inter-agency issues.
- To collect strategic data and maintain a confidential database in relation to allegations.
- To ensure that measures are in place to prevent further harm or abuse and that where required, referrals are made to the appropriate social care team or regulatory body

Every local authority has a statutory responsibility to have a Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) who is responsible for co-ordinating the response to concerns.

The LADO will be alerted to all cases in which it is alleged that a person who works with children has behaved in a way that has harmed, or may have harmed a child, including committing a criminal offences a child or related to children.

LADO will manage any allegations made.

In terms of the police relationship around LADO specific to Missing there are circumstances where this is used. This is often when an adult in employment is under investigation around criminality linked to a missing child. LADO may support information gathering and ongoing safeguarding.

The benefit of this approach ensures better information sharing between agencies.