

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Meeting to be held on 9 March 2020

Police & Crime Plan Performance Monitoring Report

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Panel with an update on progress in delivering the current Police and Crime Plan (the Plan) for Lancashire 2016-2021.

This is the final report before the PCC elections in May and covers the 3rd quarter' from the 1 October 2019 to 31 December 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is asked to consider the report.

Background

1. The Police and Crime Commissioner has a responsibility to hold the Chief Constable to account for the Constabulary's performance as against the police and crime plan priorities by means of the quarterly Strategic Scrutiny meeting.
2. This link <https://www.lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/meetings-and-decisions/meetings-and-reports/strategic-scrutiny-meetings/> details the Scrutiny papers received from the Chief Constable and the note of the meeting records the PCC holding the Chief Constable to account.
3. The Panel are therefore referred to that Scrutiny meeting and may through today's meeting ask the Police and Crime Commissioner issues they feel relevant to that Scrutiny.

Performance Headlines

4. Since the last meeting in December 2019, Lancashire Constabulary has been rated as outstanding for efficiency following an inspection by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS).
5. In spite of 10 years of government cuts, the Commissioner is resolute in his believe that this inspection is testament that Lancashire continues to have one

of the best and most efficient police forces in the country which we should all be proud of.

6. Additionally, the Inspectorate rated the Constabulary good at reducing crime, keeping people safe, protecting vulnerable people and treating its staff and communities with fairness.
7. The Commissioner is also pleased to report that HMICFRS praised the Constabulary's approach to planning based on evidence and insight, making investment in critical service areas to meet the changing nature of demand and aligning resources to meet the expectations of the public.
8. Preparatory work has also continued in order to refurbish the Force Control Room (FCR) during 2020/21. The FCR POD moves commenced on the 28th January 2020 with the South POD moving over a phased three day period to the new control room at Preston. Following return to a refurbished FCR in 2021, the Preston control room will be retained as a force Silver Command Suite and 'Fall Back' location. Following a period of stable operation of the temporary South POD, the East POD moved w/c 10th February to Preston and Burnley. West POD will be the final POD to move out from the main room w/c 24th February, following the completion of ICT upgrades and User Acceptance Testing.
9. The multi-agency Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) has been developing a Strategic Needs Assessment and problem profile, to provide a baseline understanding of violence in Lancashire and the prevalence of any risk factors. This will inform the VRU Strategy and implementation plan for 2020/21, prior to partnership consultation events planned in February and March. Six work streams are in progress offering parenting support, the Divert programme, Accident and Emergency navigators, interventions with prisoners and their families, a multi-agency violence reduction team and awareness raising/prevention. An additional work stream will see family support workers assigned to families at risk of exploitation.
10. Through the Commissioner's office, Lancashire Constabulary have submitted a bid into the Conducted Energy Device Fund (Taser) for 95 devices in this financial year at a cost of £78,375 and a further 285 devices in 20/21 at a cost of £235,125.
11. Additionally, as members are aware, since April 2017 the Commissioner has contracted Victim Support to deliver the Independent Sexual Violence Service as part of an integrated service for all victims of crime, Lancashire Victim Services.
12. Prior to commissioning this service the Commissioner's office undertook research with Lancashire Police and NHS England to estimate the anticipated volume of referrals that would require the support of an ISVA (Independent Sexual Violence Advisor). This was originally was around 450 referrals per annum with ISVA resource of 7FTE using this information as the basis. Demand on the service as a whole, and in particular the ISVA service has

increased significantly over the past three years and is on target for over 2,300 adult and over 1,100 Children and Young Person (CYP) referrals this financial year.

13. The Commissioner has therefore submitted a bid in to the Violence Against Women and Girls Fund for £219,415 per annum in order to employ 3FTE CYP ISVA's who will work with CYP aged 5 – 13 and 2 FTE Adult ISVAs to supplement the existing team. If successful, the funding would be awarded to our commissioned provider Victim Support and therefore could be awarded quickly and simply by way of a Contract Variation Notice rather than a lengthy procurement or grant award. Victim Support have assured the OPCC that as soon as funding is secured they will commence recruitment which usually takes around eight weeks.
14. Finally, the Panel will recall that at the precept meeting an enquiry was made of the Commissioner in relation to the uplift of police officers and the 2020/21 Capital Programme. Arrangements have been made for members to receive an update on these issues elsewhere on the agenda.

Recommendation

Panel Members are recommended to consider the information contained in this report, and the information provided within the meeting, and comment accordingly.

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