



Police and Crime Strategic Board

17 August 2017

Chief Constable's Report (OPEN)

1 National

- 1) NPCC met in July and had a significant focus on the terrorist threat and the funding arrangements for all policing activity. During an evening meeting with the new Police Minister, the excessive burden of scrutiny by HMIC felt by Forces was also raised. There is no clear date for funding announcements and the Lincolnshire perspective remains concerning. Our approach to wellbeing received some national coverage which was generally very positive.
- 2) Two of our officers were recognised at the National Bravery awards and they were fantastic representatives for us.

2 Regional

1) Custody Detention Officers (CDOs)

Whilst the initial contract term for provision of CDOs to Leicestershire and Northamptonshire by G4S is in place until Sept 2018, 12 months' notice needs to be provided to G4S if we are wishing to extend the contract. The Head of EMCJS has submitted a report to the Chief Constables of Leicestershire and Northamptonshire recommending this contract is extended – a decision is awaited.

3 Local

1) Bluelight Collaboration Programme

Planning permission has gone in for the new campus. Shared HQ continues to be developed with the final moves expected to happen in the next few months together with the completion of the car parking. New ideas are being sought surrounding collaboration and assessing the potential for departments to look for their own collaborations.

2) Firearms Licensing

Focus remains on renewals and grants with good progress continuing to be made. No new risks have been identified. Recording against a new set of performance indicators has

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commenced to enable on-going monitoring of performance. Arrangements are on-going with regard to the transfer back to the Force of the Firearms Enquiry Officers and no issues have been raised via the staff consultation process. Information regarding the differing terms and conditions has been requested to enable a comparison to be undertaken, along with a financial impact assessment. This will be presented to enable a decision to be made as to whether to harmonise all terms and conditions post TUPE transfer. 1st Sept 2017 remains as the planned transfer date. Progress continues with regard to the introduction of the Firearms On-line system, with a go-live date projected to be mid-September. To ensure the security of this new on-line system, it has been agreed to install an additional IT firewall.

3) **FME contract**

A new service delivery model proposed by G4S has been accepted (supported by operational custody leads). Contractual documentation is now being progressed for this to commence on 1st September 2017 to 31st March 2018. Alternative procurement options are being reviewed for this service post 1st April 2018 – potentially undertaking a new procurement under a Regional framework to ensure best value / service is achieved.

4) **Adult and Paediatric SARCs**

The service specifications for Adult and Paediatric SARCs have been issued, with a closing date for tenders by 11th October, for new services to commence on 1st April 2018.

5) **FCR**

The FCR is currently experiencing difficulties achieving the required service levels for 101s (the focus, quite rightly has remained on 999s, which has by default affected the performance on the 101s). There has been an increase in the number of calls received since May 2017 (this is reflected nationally) and the CPT Manager and G4S Delivery Manager are to undertake a review of demand to ensure an appropriate operating model is provided in the FCR to respond to this increase.

6) **Ethics Panel**

The force is looking to set up an Ethics Panel to discuss ethical dilemmas facing the force. There are likely to be two groups set up, a strategic long term group looking at issues over the horizon, which will meet on a six weekly basis, and another group which will be able to have quick time discussions about ethical dilemmas around operational issues as they crop up. An independent chair has been agreed, Cate Moore, and terms of reference are being put together.