



Policing Partnership Board for Wales

Virtual meeting: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Thursday 18th June 2020

Minutes

Attendees

The First Minister for Wales, Mark Drakeford MS (Chair)
 Simon Hart MP, Secretary of State for Wales
 Jane Hutt MS, Deputy Minister & Chief Whip (Vice-Chair)
 Vaughan Gething MS, Minister for Health & Social Services (Covid-19 Update Only)
 Jeremy Miles MS, Counsel General & Minister for European Transition
 Tracey Burke, Director General of Education and Public Services
 Andrew Goodall, Director General Health and NHS Chief Executive
 Reg Kilpatrick, Director of Local Government
 Karin Phillips, Deputy Director Community Safety Division
 Catrin Dowling, Head of Crime and Justice Team
 Tracey Breheny, Deputy Director of Mental Health, Substance Misuse & Vulnerable Groups
 Alyson Francis, Deputy Director Communities Division
 Nazir Afzal, National Advisor- VAWDASV, Welsh Government
 Yasmin Khan, National Advisor- VAWDASV, Welsh Government
 Shyam Vining, VAWDASV Senior Policy and Resourcing Manager
 Liz Lalley, DD European Transition
 Jo-Anne Daniels, Dir of Mental Health, Vulnerable Groups and NHS Governance
 Siân Brown, Senior Manager Crime & Justice Team
 Leanne Lewis, Crime & Justice Officer
 Jayne Phillips, Crime & Justice Officer
 Chesney Ovsiowitz, Assistant Private Secretary, Office of the Secretary of State for Wales
 Chris Llywelyn, Chief Executive, WLGA
 Naomi Alleyne, Director of Social Services and Housing, WLGA
 Cllr Matthew Dorrance, Community Safety Spokesperson, WLGA
 Stephen Carr, Safer Communities Manager, WLGA & Policing in Wales Group
 Carys Morgans, Chief Exec of OPCC Dyfed Powys
 Jeff Cuthbert, Police and Crime Commissioner Gwent
 Eleri Thomas, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Gwent
 Siân Curley, Chief Exec of OPCC Gwent
 Arfon Jones, Police and Crime Commissioner North Wales
 Stephen Hughes, Chief Exec of OPCC North Wales
 Alun Michael, Police and Crime Commissioner South Wales
 Emma Wools, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner South Wales

Lee Jones, Chief Executive, OPCC South Wales
 Cerith Thomas, Police and Crime Commissioners' Advisor
 Carl Foulkes, CC North Wales Police
 Mark Collins, CC Dyfed Powys Police
 Pam Kelly, CC Gwent Police
 Amanda Blakeman, Dep CC Gwent Police
 Matt Jukes, CC South Wales Police
 Jon Drake, Director of Violence Prevention Unit
 Paul Morris, Head of PLU
 Steve Thomas, Temp Superintendent, PLU
 Helen Hill, Administrator, PLU

Apologies

Dafydd Llywelyn, Police and Crime Commissioner Dyfed Powys

Action	Lead
1. Members of the Board encouraged to contact the Lord Chancellor Robert Buckland MP and Home Office officials to highlight court backlog issues and press for action to tackle this matter	All
2. Take a Public Health Approach and strengthen Community Safety	Seeking WG support
3. Long term "joint" sustainable funding for victim and perpetrator services	Seeking WG support
4. Strengthen target Hardening	Seeking WG support
5. Investment in provision of Move On Accommodation	Seeking WG support
6. Enhanced data sharing	Seeking WG support
7. Review of Released Under Investigation	Seeking WG support
8. Review of Universal Credit Rules	Seeking WG support
9. Family Courts to be better informed regarding domestic violence and abuse	Seeking WG support
10. SoSW Simon Hart invited to engage with Deputy Minister and Chief Whip regarding long term Universal Credit issues (linked to Action 8)	SoSW/DMCW
11. Counsel General to discuss with Robert Buckland MP and Home Office officials how Family Courts can be better informed regarding domestic violence and abuse (linked to Action 9)	CG
12. Progress report and an updated discussion paper on tackling drug deaths in Wales to feature on the September Policing Partnership Board agenda. Report to be submitted by Policing in Wales.	Police
13. Welsh Government officials to meet with Mr Jon Drake regarding his offer to coordinate a Needs Assessment and progress accordingly.	WG/JD
14. Welsh Government Officials to link with Policing in Wales to address opportunities for working together to tackle jobs growth opportunities	WG/Police

Welcome and Chair Address

The First Minister for Wales welcomed all attendees to the meeting and thanked all members in advance for observing protocols. Members were reminded that the meeting chat would be included within the minutes.

The First Minister for Wales welcomed the Secretary of State for Wales, Simon Hart who joined the meeting via telephone for the first time.

1. Comments from Secretary of State for Wales, Simon Hart MP

1.1 Mr Hart thanked the First Minister for the invitation to attend the Policing Partnership Board for Wales and added his appreciation to everyone for the ongoing work under the remarkable circumstances of the past 12 weeks.

1.2 It was stated that as far as possible collaboration is never far away.

1.3 It was acknowledged that the backlog in the court system was an issue of concern and that the Lord Chancellor Robert Buckland MP will be taking on this issue.

Action 1: Members of the Board encouraged to contact the Lord Chancellor Robert Buckland MP and Home Office officials to highlight court backlog issues and press for action to tackle this matter

1.4 Commissioner Michael welcomed Mr Hart to the Policing Partnership Board and thanked him for his update. It was confirmed that all forces were aware of the Lord Chancellor's work and were engaged with him. It was stated that a positive response to date had been received and that conversations were ongoing about a non-conventional criminal justice system being established to address the back log.

2. Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence – Reflections five years on from the legislation and current operating challenges during the Covid-19 pandemic (DCC Amanda Blakeman and Dep PCC Emma Wools) Priorities and Challenges for Policing in Wales

2.1 DCC Blakeman circulated a presentation prior to the meeting and presented to the Policing Partnership Board highlighting the achievements, opportunities and future asks from Policing in Wales.

2.2 The Act was referred to as a 'turning point' as the ownership moved to Public Services, and is world leading in this regard. All forces (both Chief Officers and Offices of Police and Crime Commissioners) changed their focus and continue to focus on partnership working.

- 2.3 From 2013/14 to 2019/20 there has been a marked increase in police forces in Wales recording Domestic Abuse incidents showing that partnership working is effective.
- 2.4 The presentation highlighted a number of creative solutions driven by Commissioners such as the Women's Pathfinder in South Wales.
- 2.5 Commissioner Michael advised that Magistrates were initially dubious about the Women's Pathfinder but have since become some of its greatest supporters.
- 2.6 The presentation captured the significant financial implications and the large return on the public purse.
- 2.7 Sharing of data was highlighted as key, comparing Police recording with information from partners and highlighting underreporting of the issue. Working together and working alongside partners helps us have a better understanding and enables us to work together.
- 2.8 What partnerships are delivering is what both perpetrators and victims need. Prevention is key. The change in thinking from 'why don't victims leave' to 'why don't perpetrators stop' has meant suitable training, investigation and appropriately holding perpetrators to account is more reliable and successful.
- 2.9 The inequality of the current Universal Credit system and the process of joint claims was highlighted.
- 2.10 Operation Encompass, where information is shared with schools when a child has been witness to domestic abuse, means children are receiving the support they need during the school day.
- 2.11 Information was provided on the WISDOM project and concerns were raised over the negative impact of cliff edge funding and how this impacts on a service, its users and forward planning.
- 2.12 Evidenced based intervention is the way to move forward. It is known from the ACE's programme that if a behaviour is predictable then it is preventable.
- 2.13 The multiple partners working alongside the police were recognised in the accompanying slide, highlighting the need for early intervention. Whilst it was acknowledged that finances are always going to be difficult, having longer term notice with regard to funding streams and longer term grants would assist partners.
- 2.14 Concerns over court delays, especially during COVID-19 were raised. Particularly safeguarding concerns where perpetrators are released under

investigation. Additional bail conditions means that a situation can be managed more effectively.

- 2.15 CC Jukes noted that after the fall in reports since 23 March 20, there has been an accelerating number of reports, many serious in nature. From an approximate 25% reduction on 2019 during March/April - recorded DV crimes now only 2% down on 2019 as we emerge from lockdown.
- 2.16 Commissioner Michael added that arrest rates didn't drop - showing that the police response to Domestic Violence and Abuse in Wales continued to be vigorous during the Covid-19 emergency.
- 2.17 CC Foulkes confirmed that there was a similar picture in North Wales after an initial drop in reporting North Wales were back to what would have been seen as normal levels. It was confirmed that there had been lots of support by partners and voluntary agencies which had been incredibly helpful to ensure appropriate support was provided to the vulnerable.
- 2.18 In support of CC Foulkes' comments, Chef Exec Stephen Hughes of NW OPCC added that a new regional IDVA service across North Wales had worked extremely well during lockdown, ensuring impact on victims had been kept to a minimum.
- 2.19 CC Jukes highlighted that the work of support services has been impressive, and remarkably resilient during COVID-19. They will be under even greater pressure with the likely court delays, and we are beginning to see defendants less likely to plead guilty, and more likely to believe witnesses will withdraw, over time. An emphasis on sustainability would therefore be doubly important over the next 2 years
- 2.20 Mr Hughes noted that in addition to Domestic Violence, it is also important to recognise that the sustainable funding issue is of great relevance to service providers for victims of sexual violence.
- 2.21 Dep Commissioner Emma Wools summarised that partnership working, strengthening response and maintaining priority focus will continue.
- 2.22 Emma, on behalf of Policing in Wales, in order to build on the Blueprint approach of VAWDASV, looked to the **Welsh Government to seek their support in: (Actions 2-6)**
 - **Take a Public Health Approach and strengthen Community Safety**
 - **Long term "joint" sustainable funding for victim and perpetrator services**
 - **Strengthen target Hardening**
 - **Investment in provision of Move On Accommodation**
 - **Enhanced data sharing**

- 2.23 And for the **Welsh Government to seek the support of the UK Government to: (Actions 7-9)**
- **Review of Released Under Investigation**
 - **Review of Universal Credit Rules**
 - **Family Courts to be better informed regarding domestic violence and abuse**
- 2.23 Emma recognised the diverse community in Wales and the importance of the Welsh Government leading on a Welsh Government data set, continuing to build on the work of the Violence Prevention Unit and the COVID response group.
- 2.24 The Deputy Minister and Chief Whip thanked Emma and DCC Blakeman for their presentation. She stated that a multi-agency approach was the way forward and confirmed now was the time not for pilots but for recognising what works and moving forward.
- 2.25 The Deputy Minister stated that she holds the portfolio responsibility for this area and reassured members that work is ongoing to look at how changes can be made to longer term sustainable funding.
- 2.26 The Welsh Government VAWDASV National Advisors Yasmin Khan and Nazir Afzal thanked the Deputy Minister for their invitation to the meeting. As National Advisors they stated they were keen to continue to work with police leaders to improve the service to the people of Wales. They welcomed any contact at any time from members of the board.
- 2.27 Ms Khan explained that a mapping exercise was ongoing to look at all funding streams, supported by a strategic meeting with representation from the Office of Police and Crime Commissioners, South Wales (Paula Hardy) on behalf of all four OPCCs.
- 2.28 The Sustainable Funding Group will be bringing together commissioners to identify funding decisions with a view to aligning budgets. The Group has also agreed funding principles and is mapping funding to support a sustainable funding approach.
- 2.29 The Deputy Minister invited SoSW Simon Hart MP to engage in discussion with the Welsh Government to address the long term issues of Universal Credit.
- Action 10: SoSW Simon Hart invited to engage with Deputy Minister and Chief Whip regarding long term Universal Credit issues.**
- 2.30 The Deputy Minister stated that the Counsel General, in attendance, would pick up on the issue of Family Courts and would look to engage with Lord Chancellor Robert Buckland MP to progress.

Action 11: Counsel General to discuss with Robert Buckland MP and Home Office officials how Family Courts can be better informed regarding domestic violence and abuse

- 2.31 The Welsh Government continued to fund the Live Fear Free helpline, which had received increasing numbers of calls, webchat, text and email from early April through to the current time.
- 2.32 The Deputy Minister stated that she was pleased to hear the reference to the VAWDASV Blueprint and that it felt as if Forces and the Welsh Government are moving in the right direction.
- 2.33 Agreement from the Deputy Minister was given for sharing of data under the Public Health Approach and that Welsh Government officials have regular dialogue with colleagues in Public Health England.
- 2.34 The Deputy Minister stated that she was encouraged by the pace of work and supported PCC representation on the Sustainable Funding Group soon to be established.
- 2.35 Discussion regarding under reporting of Sexual Violence took place. Statistics from New Zealand were highlighted, where figures on rape cases in a two week period have been more than an average two month period.
- 2.36 The Deputy Minister and Chief Whip emphasised the Welsh Government's commitment to implement the Female Offending and Youth Justice Blueprints.. Thanks were given to DCC Blakeman and Dep PCC Wools for their incredibly powerful presentation, endorsed by the Commissioners and Chief Constables.
- 3. Review of actions relating to Substance Misuse arising from the March Board meeting and the impact of COVID 19 on substance misuse & services and agreement on next steps (PCC Jones/ CC Jukes/ WG)**
- 3.1 Commissioner Arfon Jones referred to a presentation delivered two meetings ago. Mr Jones thanked the Welsh Government for help to date especially from Tracey Cooper and Tracey Breheny and noted that he remained interested in whether Heroin Assisted Treatment (HAT) and 'Safe consumption rooms' could offer solutions. However it was recognised that progress is not as far forward as all parties had hoped due to COVID-19. Mr Jones confirmed that his office had organised a conference on the issue of HAT in November 2020.
- 3.2 It was explained that North Wales police officers have been trained in the use of nasal naloxone, however due to the current pandemic the pilot has been halted for the short term.
- 3.3 CC Jukes reminded members that drug related deaths figures in Swansea and Neath Port Talbot are in the top five in the UK, with Swansea second only to Blackpool.

- 3.4 It was suggested that perhaps there is a greater need to link in with other nations and consider lessons learnt.
 - 3.5 During lockdown, operationally there has been an increase in drug related arrests, due to the diversion of resources from what would have been responding to the night time economy and other issues.
 - 3.6 The drug deaths and overdose figures will only become clearer in time, but it is suggested that they have remained static but noted the increased reports of prescription drugs misuse.
 - 3.7 The Dyfodol scheme was praised for the tremendous work undertaken and continued throughout lockdown.
 - 3.8 Concern was expressed regarding increasing levels of drug driven debt as a result of vulnerable people's inability to commit shoplifting offences or undertake sex work, which is feared to have increased the use of loan sharks. CC Jukes stated that he hopes the discussions with Welsh Government can be picked back up again soon to discuss innovative ways to tackle the root cause of drug related issues.
 - 3.9 It was stated that a first draft of a joint commissioning proposal for Swansea Bay has been completed and that there has been positive engagement from the local community, but much more is required.
 - 3.10 Minister for Health and Social Services Vaughan Gething thanked all contributors. He agreed that at the next Policing Partnership Board pressure from COVID-19 would hopefully have reduced and that a further report on the substance misuse issues previously discussed should be re-tabled with more time allocated to discuss how to address shared concerns.
Action 12: Progress report and an updated discussion paper on tackling drug deaths in Wales to feature on the September Policing Partnership Board agenda. [Subsequent to the PPBfW meeting a meeting took place between Welsh Government Officials, PCC Michael and DPCC Wools. At the meeting progress in Swansea Bay was welcomed and it was agreed that the PPBfW would receive written progress reports. Any further discussions would be by exception if progress has stalled. Report to be submitted by Policing in Wales.
4. **Strategic and Operational issues emerging from both non-Covid 19 and Covid 19 issues (including issues for consideration around Recovery. Update papers from each Force (both operationally and on OPCCs), Welsh Government and Violence Prevention Unit**

- 4.1 The First Minister thanked the eight Corporation Soles, WLGA and Jon Drake for the written papers and stated that it had been agreed prior to this meeting that any non-COVID related issues would be actioned outside of the meeting.

Chief Constable Updates:

- 4.2 North Wales- CC Foulkes highlighted County lines and the links between this issue and the previous agenda item. It was explained that the lack of drugs supply had not stopped activity and there remained a focus on tackling crime.
- 4.3 Child protection orders had reduced by around 30% during lockdown and work is ongoing with partners in order to address this matter.
- 4.4 Gwent- CC Pam Kelly stated her thanks to Welsh Government officials and the Police Liaison Unit for the exemplary channels of communication throughout the floods, pandemic, protests and regrettably more floods once again.
- 4.5 It was stated that Gwent have worked hard to ensure they are prepared for a 2nd spike in Coronavirus. Whilst it was hoped this would not happen, opportunities to learn any lessons have been explored both internally and with partners.
- 4.6 Issues of continued relevance for Gwent raised included the M4 relief road and issues highlighted by the Black Lives Matter movement.
- 4.7 The First Minister thanked Policing in Wales for the way in which forces had responded to and dealt with the Black Lives Matter solidarity events.
- 4.8 South Wales Police- CC Jukes stated that during these difficult times for our communities, the stand out message has been the good relationship between Local Government, Welsh Government and police forces.
- 4.9 It was stated that mortuary provision has been highlighted as a real issue. Whilst grateful to the coroner for the temporary establishments, they are not long term measures which need to be addressed.
- 4.10 Whilst it is fully anticipated that there will be reviews on COVID looking with a critical eye over inequality CC Jukes highlighted the impact on young people and how the majority of breaches of COVID-19 restrictions have been committed by people aged 18-44.
- 4.11 South Wales Police witnessed a 3000 strong solidarity event for Black Lives Matter, with reasonable attempts at social distancing. Thankfully Wales has seen a more peaceable expression of support for the movement's aims than elsewhere in the UK.

- 4.12 CC Jukes added that the police welcome the Welsh Government's message that mass gatherings remain prohibited, whilst it is necessary to police where they do go ahead.
- 4.13 An increase in right wing community tensions have been witnessed. South Wales is alive to this and is monitoring the situation closely.
- 4.14 Dyfed Powys Police- CC Collins highlighted that whilst there had been an increase in antisocial behaviour, during COVID-19 crime trends had reduced by 30%.
- 4.15 Disproportionate issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices for breaches of lockdown were discussed. CC Collins stated that BAME individuals accounted for 7% of the total issued in his force area, but he had reviewed the logs and was comfortable with the rationale behind the issue (motorcycling/ groups coming to the area for cockle fishing/ camping amongst the reasons).
- 4.16 Dyfed Powys Police are involved with the HMICFRS Learning Lessons Group and stated that they wish to be at the forefront of change.
- 4.17 70 gatherings of solidarity have taken place across the force area, which have been peaceful. It was anticipated that more gatherings would continue over the forthcoming weekend and beyond.

Police and Crime Commissioners

- 4.18 North Wales- Commissioner Arfon Jones stated that the main points regarding COVID were included in the paper and substance misuse had been covered during the meeting. Nothing further to add.
- 4.19 Gwent- Commissioner Jeff Cuthbert shared his concern regarding capturing additional COVID-19 cost spend to ensure forces are able to reclaim funds from the Home Office.
- 4.20 The Communications Team have been working hard to encourage people to stay local, and significant emphasis on youth in the community to engage with the police and help other youths stay local and follow the rules.
- 4.21 Social media messaging has been used to help try to persuade the community to show their support of the Black Lives Matter movement via social media rather than in attendance. However, should they choose to do so in person then the clear message has been reinforced that 2 metre distancing should be maintained.
- 4.22 South Wales- Commissioner Alun Michael updated that the Safer Communities Programme Board finished their work that week. The work has

been supported by the WLGA who will work to support and assist with networks to ensure the Community Safety Programme is reinforced and supported.

- 4.23 The response to the death of George Floyd should be seen as an opportunity to deliver equal opportunities.
- 4.24 Mr Michael commented that he was pleased to see the work of the Violence Prevention Unit gaining traction,
- 4.25 Feedback from the College of Policing and National Police Chief's Council always comments on the cooperation between partnerships here in Wales, amongst the Chief Constables and Commissioners and with partners which we are able to capitalise on within the devolved landscape.
- 4.26 Violence Prevention Unit (VPU) - Mr Jon Drake introduced himself to the Chair explaining the VPU is a new team with a small core, supported by a devolved and non-devolved team of around 50 people.
- 4.27 The dangers during lockdown particularly include isolation, limited opportunities to report and school closures.
- 4.28 Multi agency data is now being collected to provide an accurate reflection of domestic abuse in Wales, information that is shared across Wales.
- 4.29 The current cost of violence to the NHS in Wales is estimated to be £46 million annually. Within the VPU paper there was a suggestion to produce a needs assessment. Mr Drake offered to take on this task and report back to the Policing Partnership Board in Due course.
- 4.30 The First Minister thanked Mr Drake for his offer and confirmed WG officials would follow up his offer with him outside of the meeting.
Action 13: Welsh Government officials to meet with Mr Jon Drake regarding his offer to coordinate a Needs Assessment and progress accordingly.
- 4.31 Welsh Local Government Association - Naomi Alleyne highlighted the increased risks of scams during the lockdown period. It was confirmed that the Test, Trace and Protect team are working closely with WLGA and the Police.
- 4.32 Naomi thanked the police for the close working relationship enjoyed whilst addressing the homeless housing situation and anti-social behaviour issues.
- 4.33 It was explained that youth work has had to change but the changes put in place have worked well.
- 4.34 The Black Lives Matter movement is rightly receiving appropriate attention through the work commissioned by Welsh Government and led by Judge Ray Singh.

- 4.35 The First Minister thanked everyone for their papers and summarised the importance of:
- 4.36 Partnership effort which has been essential for the way Wales has dealt with the pandemic.
- 4.37 The resultant spend required and the huge impact there will be on budgets, that the requirement to repair and replenish will have.
- 4.38 Inequality and the concern from Welsh Government to tackle disproportionality in all aspects, BAME, VAWDASV and age included.

5. Any Other Business

- 5.1 Commissioner Cuthbert highlighted the shared concern regarding job growth in Wales. It was explained that he had written to Ken Skates MS about joint work between Welsh Government and Policing in Wales addressing the likely job losses amongst younger people and to help prevent such younger people drifting into crime; inviting Welsh Government to work with forces on a shared approach.
- 5.2 The First Minister stated that Welsh Government would be keen to work with Policing in Wales to look at all options surrounding jobs growth in Wales.
Action 14: Welsh Government Officials to link with Policing in Wales to address opportunities for working together to tackle jobs growth opportunities
- 5.3 Commissioner Cuthbert also raised the ongoing issue of the Apprenticeship Levy funding and asked for continued support.

6. Date and Time of Next Meetings

- 6.1 17th September- 13:00- 15:00

7. Close

The First Minister thanked all members for their contribution and for everything they are doing.

Future meetings

17 September 2020	13:00 – 15:00
3 December 2020	13:00 – 15:00

New Actions arising from meeting 18/06/2020

Action	Responsibility
Action arising following Secretary of State for Wales Update:	
(1.3) Action 1: Members of the Board encouraged to contact the Lord Chancellor Robert Buckland MP and Home Office officials to highlight court backlog issues and press for action to tackle this matter	All members
Actions 2-9: Actions arising from VAWDSV Presentation:	
(2.22) Action 2: Welsh Government are asked to support Policing in Wales by taking a Public Health Approach and strengthen Community Safety	Welsh Government Officials
(2.22) Action 3: Welsh Government are asked to support Policing in Wales by issuing long term “joint” sustainable funding for victim and perpetrator services	Welsh Government Officials
(2.22) Action 4: Welsh Government are asked to support Policing in Wales by Strengthening target Hardening	Welsh Government Officials
(2.22) Action 5: Welsh Government are asked to support Policing in Wales by securing investment in provision of Move On Accommodation	Welsh Government Officials
(2.22) Action 6: Welsh Government are asked to support Policing in Wales by ensuring enhanced data sharing amongst all partner agencies	Welsh Government Officials
(2.26) Action 7: Welsh Government to seek the support of the UK Government to review Released Under Investigation	Welsh Government Officials
(2.26) Action 8: Welsh Government to seek the support of the UK Government to review Universal Credit Rules.	DMCW/ SoSW

Action	Responsibility
(2.26) Action 9: Welsh Government to seek the support of the UK Government to Family Courts to be better informed regarding domestic violence and abuse	Counsel General –JM
Emerging Issues from the meeting	
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