

# Agenda item 10

## Police and Crime Panel 19 July 2016

### Information Bulletin

The Information Bulletin is a document that is made available to the public with the published agenda papers. It can include update information requested by the Panel as well as information that may extend the Panel's knowledge or understanding of a topic related to the scope of the Panel.

In section 1 this Information Bulletin summarises the PCC's decisions taken since those reported to the Panel meeting on 18 March 2016. There will be opportunity for the Panel to put further questions to the PCC about his decisions.

This Information Bulletin covers the following items:

1. **Update on PCC Decisions to date.**
2. **The PCC's Accountability and Performance Panel.**
3. **Update on the Solved Rate of Serious Sexual Offences (SSO) and Domestic Burglary (DB).**
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6. **Protecting Vulnerable People Resourcing**

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### 1. **Update on PCC Decisions to date**

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 describes the Police & Crime Panel's role as including to "review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, by the PCC".

PCC Decisions are published by the PCC on his website: <http://www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/decisions>. An updated summary list was reported at the Panel's meeting on 18 March 2016, up to and including PCC Decisions No. 15-2016 (9/3/2016) and C9-2016

(3/3/2016). A further update, summarising subsequent Decisions, to date, is shown below. For further details and the full report associated with each PCC Decision, please access the PCC website.

**Update - Decisions of the Police and Crime Commissioner [Subsequent to Decisions No. 15-2016 and C9-2016]**

<b>Decision</b>	<b>Title and link</b>	<b>Summary</b>
26 – 2016 (14-6-16)	<a href="#">26 – 2016 Award of Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant – Haverhill Detached Youth Support</a>	A grant of £3,500 for the period 1 June 2016 to 31 March 2017
25 – 2016 (6-6-16)	<a href="#">25 – 2016 Award of Grant – Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum Coordinator</a>	A grant of £20,000 for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017
24 – 2016 (20-5-16)	<a href="#">24 – 2016 – Award of Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant – Streetwatch</a>	A grant of £600 for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017
23 – 2016 (8-4-16)	<a href="#">23 – 2016 – Safer Suffolk Fund and Safer Suffolk Small Grants Fund</a>	The abolition of the Suffolk Small Grants Fund and subsuming of the fund into the umbrella Safer Suffolk Grant Fund. Applications for grants for £3,500 or less in future will be determined by the Office of the PCC.
22 – 2016 (8-4-16)	<a href="#">22 – 2016 – Compassion (Babergh Domestic Abuse Forum)</a>	A grant of £17,400 for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017
21 – 2016 (20-4-16)	<a href="#">21 – 2016 – Summary of Safer Suffolk Small Grants Fund – Grants Panel 10 March 2016</a>	The award of three grants totalling £5,500
20 – 2016 (23-3-16)	<a href="#">20 – 2016 – Award of Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant – Catch 22 Community Mediation Service</a>	A grant of £3,500 for the period 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016
19 – 2016 (23-3-16)	<a href="#">19 – 2016 – Chief Finance Officer Arrangements</a>	That the arrangement whereby the PCC and Chief Constable share a Chief Finance Officer continues until further notice.
18 – 2016 (7-3-16)	<a href="#">18 – 2016 – Award of Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant to Access Community Trust</a>	A grant of £25,335 for the period 1 March 2016 to 31 December 2016
17 – 2016 (15-3-16)	<a href="#">17 – 2016 – Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant – Ormiston Trust</a>	A grant of £8,000 for the period 1 March 2016 to 31 December 2016
16 – 2016 (18-3-16)	<a href="#">16 – 2016 Award of Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant Rotary Youth Leadership Awards 2016</a>	A grant of up to £3,000

## Decisions of the Police and Crime Commissioner containing confidential information

(NB. Decision papers in this category are not publicly available. A brief explanation of the nature of each is provided: <http://www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/decisions/decisions-containing-confidential-information> )

C15 – 2016	Southwold Police Station – Sale of Property (Approved 26-05-2016)
C14 – 2016	National Police Air Service (NPAS) Site – RAF Wattisham (Approved 19-05-16)
C13 – 2016	Blue Light Integration – Sharing Felixstowe Fire Station and Disposal of Police Station (Approved 09-05-16)
C12 – 2016	Blue Light Integration – Sharing Fire Stations and Disposal of Police Stations in Saxmundham and Leiston (Approved 09-05-16)
C11 – 2016	Catering Contractor for Suffolk Constabulary (Approved 25-04-16)
C10 – 2016	Energy Procurement (Approved 30-03-16)

For further information about the PCC Decisions contact the PCC Office: E-mail: [spcc@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:spcc@suffolk.pnn.police.uk) Tel: 01473 782773.

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## 2. The PCC's Accountability and Performance Panel

The PCC has held one Accountability and Performance (A&P) panel meeting since the last Police and Crime Panel meeting in March 2016. Details of the PCC's A&P meetings are available on the PCC's website: <http://www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/public-meetings/accountability-and-performance-panel>. A summary list of the items covered is shown below, for ease of reference, and to assist the Police and Crime Panel in considering potential topics for its Forward Work Plan. The PCC's next A&P meeting is on **9 September 2016**. Members of the Police and Crime Panel are welcome to attend and feed back to other Panel members.

List of Public Agenda items covered at the PCC's A&P public meeting on [10 June 2016](#):

<b>Agenda Item and Subject</b>
2. Performance Priorities Monitoring Report 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016 - Report by the Chief Constable (Paper AP16/17)
3. Revenue and Capital Outturn as at 31 March 2016 - Report by the Chief Constable (Paper AP16/18)
4. Suffolk Collaboration - Report by the Chief Constable (Paper AP16/19)
5. Use of Stop and Search in Suffolk April 2015 – March 2016 - Report by the Chief Constable (Paper AP16/20)
6. Victims' Strategy - Report by the Chief Constable (Paper AP16/21)
7. Diversity Annual Report 2015/16 - Report by the Chief Constable (Paper AP16/22)
8. Annual Health and Safety Report 2015/16 - Report by the Chief Constable (Paper AP16/23)

9. Independent Custody Visiting Scheme - Report by the Chief Executive (Paper AP16/24)
10. Complaints and Professional Standards Update 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016 – Report by the Chief Constable (Paper AP16/25)











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**3. Update on the Solved Rate of Serious Sexual Offences (SSO) and Domestic Burglary (DB)**

At the Panel meeting on 5 July 2013 it was agreed that the Panel would receive information updates, at each meeting, on the performance of the solved rate for serious sexual offences and for domestic burglary. There are regular performance updates available on the PCC’s website at: <http://www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/about-us/monitoring-performance>.

The performance statistics on the PCC’s website as at 7 July 2016 show the following for ‘[Solving Crime](#)’:

**Police & Crime Plan Objectives (March 2016)**

Police & Crime Plan Objectives		12 months to 31 Mar 16	Baseline <sup>1</sup>	Comparison to baseline <sup>1 2</sup>	Status <sup>3</sup>	National ranking <sup>4</sup>
Responding to Emergencies	999 Call Handling <sup>5</sup>	90.3%	92.0%	-1.7%	 	N/A
	Response to Emergency Incidents	90.5%	91.1%	-0.6%	 	N/A
Solving Crime	Violence with Injury – Solved		50.1%			-
	Domestic Burglary – Solved	13.7%	21.2%	-7.5%	 	-
	Robbery – Solved	22.3%	33.4%	-11%	 	-
	Serious Sexual Offences – Solved	14.0%	20.6%	-6.6%	 	-
	Drug Trafficking – Solved		94.3%			-

The performance summary description was as follows:

Domestic Burglary – Performance Summary - Despite numbers of Domestic Burglaries starting the year at above average levels, with April 2015 having seen the most recorded offences since January 2013, the Constabulary finished the year 11.9% below the three-year baseline. Since June, levels have fluctuated between average and below average. February saw just 86 offences recorded, the lowest number since January 2014. The solved rate for Domestic Burglary had been in decline since May 2015, and may have been further exacerbated by issues with Athena between October and December with notably low numbers of detections recorded in these months. Since then, however, the solved rate has recovered with January and March seeing the highest numbers of crimes solved since December 2014. The Constabulary finished the year with a solved rate of 13.7%, 7.5 percentage points below the baseline.

Serious Sexual Offences - Performance Summary - In the year ending March 2016, there were 1219 Serious Sexual Offences recorded, against a three year baseline of 641. There are two 'step-changes' evident in crime levels over the last two years – initially in June 2014 (moving from an average of 41 to 65 offences per month), and then more significantly in January 2015 (since when an average of 102 offences has been seen each month). The solved rate for Serious Sexual Offences has seen a similar pattern, in inverse, moving from an average of 29.1% to 19.2% from June 2014, and then to 12.7% since January 2015. Suffolk ended the year with a solved rate of 14%, 6.6 percentage points down on the three year baseline. There are some early indicators of demand and performance stabilising however. February and March 2016 both saw levels of Serious Sexual Offences below the previous year's figures, and March was also at three year average levels. The monthly solved rate has also recovered slightly in February and March with both being above last year and the three year average. The monthly solved rate in March 2016 was 31.8%, this highest level seen since May 2014.

The [associated report](#) to the PCC Accountability & Performance Meeting, 10 June 2016, stated: *“Athena data has now been checked for quality in terms of serious sexual offences, robbery, and domestic burglary, and so data is published within this report. Data shows that the solved rate in all three areas was below the three year baseline over the last year. The volume of recorded robbery crimes, another Police & Crime Plan measure, has also exceeded the three year baseline. The volume of recorded domestic burglary offences, however, finished the year 12% below the baseline.”*

For further information about the PCC's Police & Crime Plan Performance Progress Report please contact the PCC Office: Email: [spcc@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:spcc@suffolk.pnn.police.uk) Tel: 01473 782773.

#### 4. Status Update of Police and Crime Panel Decisions from the previous Meetings

At the Panel meeting on 18 March 2016 there were various decisions, recommendations or resolutions made. A summary list and a corresponding status update is shown below:

Item	Status Update
<p><b>Solving Crime</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Panel requested that the PCC obtain details from the Constabulary about the roles and staffing levels in the Protecting Vulnerable People Directorate, over time and geographically.</li> <li>- The Panel requested that at the October 2016 Panel meeting there should be an item scrutinising the PCC's performance monitoring methodology, including the deployment of ATHENA, risk register monitoring, and the monitoring, management and awareness-raising of cybercrime</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Done. Please see the response elsewhere in this Information Bulletin</li> <li>- Done. This is shown in the Forward Work Plan for 7 October 2016.</li> </ul>

Item	Status Update
<p><b>Task &amp; Finish Group Report on Community Safety Partnerships (CSP).</b> The Panel agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to write to the CSPs, noting their important role, sharing the findings of the Task Group, and suggesting that CSPs examine their current configurations and seek to operate in line with the Home Office Policy guidance of 8 May 2015 (ref. pg.76 of the meeting papers).</li> <li>- to recommend to the PCC that he seeks to work with the CSPs in line with the Home Office Policy guidance, so that the local need is reflected in the PCC's Police and Crime Plan.</li> <li>- to write to the SSCG, sharing the findings of the Task Group, and the opportunity for the SSCG to give further clarity about its relationship with statutory bodies such as the PCC, the CSPs and the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB).</li> <li>- to recommend to the PCC, and to suggest to the SSCG, that consideration be given to commissioning an external organisation (such as University Campus Suffolk) to undertake research to quantify the domestic abuse problems in Suffolk.</li> <li>- to schedule on its Forward Work Plan a further review of this topic in approximately 1 year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This was done on 6/4/16. Ipswich CSP forwarded information to the SSCG for further discussion</li> <li>- Ongoing</li> <li>- This was done on 6/4/16. Please see SSCG response elsewhere in this Information Bulletin</li> <li>- Ongoing</li> <li>- Done. This item is shown on the Forward Work Plan for 17 March 2017</li> </ul>

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## 5. Response from the Chair of the SSCG to the PCP report on CSPs

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### Sent on behalf of Ian Gallin, Chair Strong and Safe Communities Group

Dear Police and Crime Panel members

Report from PCP Task and Finish Group re CSPs and SSCG in relation to the PCC.

On behalf of the Strong and Safe Communities Group, I would like to thank you for the report which you recently shared with the group.

The report was discussed at the SSCG meeting in April and the key findings and suggestions noted.

Yours sincerely

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## 6. Protecting Vulnerable People Resourcing

*[This information was provided by OPCC/ Constabulary in response to a request for additional information from the PCP meeting on 18 March regarding investment in PVP over the past few years and where geographically these resources have been placed.]*

The Protecting Vulnerable People Directorate has benefited from the provision of additional resources since the beginning of 2014. This addition has been used to assist in meeting the increasing demand across a number of business areas within PVP.

In January 2014 an additional 8 police officers were re-deployed from the County Policing Command into PVP as part of the initial phases of the Suffolk Local Policing Model work. These officers were placed into Rape investigation, Child Abuse investigation (Safeguarding Units) and Exploitation investigations (this includes the investigation of on-line possession/distribution of indecent images of children).

Exploitation (Central team)	3 officers
Gemini West	1 officer
Gemini Ipswich	1 officer
Safeguarding Unit West	1 officer
Safeguarding Unit Ipswich	1 officer
Safeguarding Unit East	1 officer

In addition, and also as a result of the Local Policing Model work, agreement was given to re-deploy four Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) to support the work of the Domestic Abuse Team. These PCSOs commenced this work in Spring 2014, they are no-longer providing that assistance as they have returned to conventional duties within the current policing model.

In 2015, as a result of the additional funding made available through precept increase, agreement was given to grow PVP by an additional 12 police staff posts. These were deployed as follows:

- 3 x Police Staff Supervisor Posts – one to each Safeguarding Unit
- 3 x Domestic Abuse Officers – two to Ipswich and one to West
- 1 x Administration post – Central position
- 6 x Police Staff investigators – 2 to West Safeguarding Unit and 3 to Ipswich Safeguarding Unit.

The recruitment of these police staff posts, other than the 3 Domestic Abuse officers, took longer than anticipated and was further delayed due to needing to fit with the at-risk processes within the organisation. The police staff investigator and supervisor roles are providing much needed resilience to the work of the police investigators. Starting from a 'no-knowledge / experience' position we are still providing training and exposure to investigation work so their full use remains limited. They have assisted in a number of complex abuse investigations and this has reduced the abstraction that would otherwise have fallen on the police investigators. The police staff supervisors have taken the responsibility for attending Child Protection Conferences and have significantly reduced this burden previously upon the Detective Sergeants and Detective Inspectors. Feedback on their involvement has been very positive.

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