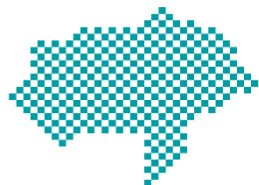




**Police and Crime
Commissioner
North Yorkshire**



Regional Collaboration Board

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 30th of March at 10:00
Scientific Support Building, Calder Park, Wakefield, WF2 7UA

PRESENT

Mark Burns-Williamson	PCC WYP (CHAIR)	Halita Obineche	APCC
Keith Hunter	PCC Humberside	Russ Foster	ACC WYP
Julia Mulligan	PCC NYP	Chris Rowley	D/C/SUPT WYP
Dr Alan Billings	PCC SYP	Steve Dodds	C/INSP WYP
Dee Collins	CC WYP	Kevin Pickles	C/INSP WYP
Steve Watson	CC SYP	Mark Reeves	WYP
Gary Forsyth	TCC Humberside	Kevin Morton	WYP
Lisa Winward	DCC NYP	Neil Dennison	WYP
Susan Field	C/EX WYP	Justin Partridge	Humberside
Michelle Buttery	C/EX SYP	Joanne Osborne	SYP
Rachel Cook	OPCC Humberside	Emma Robertshaw	WYP
Michelle Beech	C/EX NYP		

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Introductions and Apologies

Mark Burns-Williamson opened the meeting and welcomed guests.

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Minutes and actions of the previous meeting (23/11/16)

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and any outstanding actions were discussed and resolved.

Action

3	<p>NECTU Update</p> <p>ACC Foster provided a verbal update in relation to the North East Counter Terrorism Unit, ongoing projects and recent events.</p>	
4	<p>ROCU Performance Update – Regional and Individual Force Reports</p> <p>D/C/SUPT Rowley presented regional and individual Force reports in relation to Organised Crime, and gave a brief update on ‘County Lines’.</p> <p>The Regional Organised Crime Unit have recently been successful in a bid to the Transformational Fund in respect of Under Cover Online. This funding will allow the team to expand and collaborate further with universities in tackling online child abuse.</p> <p>Mark Burns-Williamson attended the National PCC Meeting in London, where Yorkshire and the Humber were mentioned for their work and good practice in relation to Operation Dragonroot. This has helped strengthen our relationship with the NCA who have recruited a deputy director general into the ROCU structure to aid closer working with the region.</p> <p>Update on ‘County Lines’</p> <p>There is no evidence to suggest that ‘young and vulnerable people are being coerced into carrying drugs from urban to rural and coastal areas’. Individuals are travelling using rail networks and roads, from as far as Merseyside and Manchester to sell Class A drugs in York. The Police Co-ordination Working Group has been set up in an attempt to pull together the operational stands and to plot the national picture, however there are no major issues at present.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. D/C/SUPT Rowley to arrange briefings with each of the four PCC’s if required. 	CR
5	<p>RSSS Performance Update</p> <p>Kevin Morton presented a balanced scorecard and SLA Achievements Report for Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Scientific Support Services.</p> <p>It is predicted that Regional Scientific Support Services will be within budget at the end of the financial year and there will be no additional costs.</p> <p>All Forces have significantly increased their use of the ‘Drugs Driving’ legislation throughout the past year which has led to a subsequent increase in the number of cold case reviews. West Yorkshire Police have a cold case review team with allocated funds to help cover the demand, however North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire and Humberside Police do not have specific cold case teams and that will increase forensic spend.</p>	

The Forensic Tasking Unit is due to 'go live' on Monday 3rd of April 2017. This will give an improved service to members of the public regarding scientific support attendance at crime scenes.

RSSS has received funding from the Police Transformational Fund for the rapid delivery of fingerprints and DNA technology. The project is scheduled to 'go live' in April and will reduce the amount of time it takes for regional scientific support services to receive fingerprints and DNA submissions to around four hours. There will be an operational challenge for heads of crime to ensure these are dealt with quickly once they return into Forces.

6 ROCU and RSSS Budget Update 2017/18

Mark Reeves presented the lead Force budgets for the Regional Organised Crime Unit and Regional Scientific Support.

Regional Organised Crime (Odyssey)

There is an increase of £330,000 in the budget from 2016/17. Yorkshire and the Humber now receive a higher share of this grant due to a recently renegotiated allocation method with the three North East Forces. The grant is however now being utilised across a greater number of core capabilities.

Regional Scientific Support (RSS)

There is a year on year increase of £1.315 million which is mainly attributable, after accounting for inflation, to an anticipated increase in forensic submission costs across the region of £608,000. Half of this is due to the costs of the cold case reviews within West Yorkshire, who have provided additional monies to contribute towards this.

The Collision Investigation Unit went live in 2016/17 financial year. This budget reflects the full year effect of the implementation of this unit. The unit is run on a three force basis which includes West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire and Humberside. The full year budget for the unit is £1.633 million

The Lead Force Budgets from West Yorkshire for 2017/18 were approved.

7 ESMCP Update

The Emergency Services Mobile Communications Programme is a national government project led by the Home Office, with the intention of bringing a new 4G communications network into the Emergency Services by 2020. The National Delivery Programme is delivering four 'lots' from different commercial suppliers:

Lot 1 is based around delivery partnerships, and has been awarded to a company called Kellogg Brown Root (KBR) who will provide national delivery timelines to support the Home Office and ensure user organisations are ready to transition. Anthony Clark is the Group Transition Manager for both regions and works directly with KBR and the Home Office.

Lot 2 is based around user services and has been awarded to Motorola. As well as providing sim cards and connection to services, Motorola will also be managing the interworking solution which will allow user organisations to work simultaneously with the current airwave technology and ESN radio technology during transition.

Lot 3 has been awarded to EE who will provide the Emergency Services Network (ESN) going forward. This will be a subsection of EE's national commercial platform, giving the Emergency Services priority over all other users.

Lot 4 is based around Extended Area Services (EAS), and has been awarded to a company called Land Lease who are considering ways to fill gaps in EE coverage.

The national transition timeline is due to be tabled at the next national programme board in April 2017. There has been a six month slippage in the national programme in relation to when forces will be service ready, as opposed to transition ready. It is anticipated that the first region to transition will be the North West in September of 2018. Transition should be completed in all regions in April 2020.

Following transition onto ESN, the ambition would be for all Forces to decommission their current Airwave communications. The regional contract end date for Airwave Communications is December 2019. Motorola now own Airwave Services LTD and will allow an extension however it is estimated that this would cost the country £1 million per day.

In terms of coverage, South and West Yorkshire Police are contractually complete. Humberside Police are 98.48% contractually complete and North Yorkshire Police are 92.03% contractually complete. This is geographical coverage and doesn't include EAS sites. NPAS are considering two solutions in relation to 'air to ground' communications: LTE and SATCOM.

ACC Andy Battle is the regional SRO for the programme and C/SUPT Chris Hardern has been appointed by West Yorkshire Police as the regional programme director. There are agreements with other Forces to establish a regional programme manager, regional communications manager and project support.

The project team have established a series of meetings that will provide the governance for the programme. The Regional Strategic Board, chaired by ACC Battle, held its first meeting in December and sits above the Regional Tactical Board which is chaired by C/SUPT Hardern. At these meetings, the board has identified leads in key areas of business such as training, vehicle fleet, operations, fleet mapping, testing and assurance, devices and control rooms.

8 Procurement and Budget Update

Joanne Osborne presented a series of budget monitoring and setting papers in regards to Regional procurement, stores and firearms.

	<p>Joanne Osborne raised an issue around legal support, with the only commercial lawyers within the region being employed by West Yorkshire Police. This is costing £20,000 per year in additional hours, for those members of staff to be able to provide the necessary commercial support across the region. Long term there may be some work around legal collaboration, however at present, West Yorkshire Police are working with regional legal teams to ensure Forces are properly consulted before decisions are made. The North East have a new regional head of legal services who may be able to assist in this matter.</p> <p>Regional stores are currently in the process of rolling out the Proactis system for Humberside and South Yorkshire Police.</p> <p>Mark Burns-Williamson proposed a seven Force North East strategic meeting with PCC's and Chief Constables to discuss transition into national programmes around the Police Transformational Bid.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To seek a convenient date in May or early June to bring all PCC's/CC's together. 	JP
9	<p>Living Wage (paper for discussion)</p> <p>Joanne Osborne presented a paper offering information and guidance about procurement implications and commercial considerations in relation to any proposal to implement the Living Wage.</p> <p>Adopting the living wage would affect service contracts in a number of different departments such as cleaning, custody, and healthcare causing a 3% uplift. It is also important to consider, who from each force would take responsibility for this. There may be implications for the Forces reputation having gone through the publicity of living wage accreditation if then some individuals were not receiving that. The Board agreed that this decision could be deferred, pending further work around accreditation in each of the individual Force areas.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Keith Hunter to initiate discussions with the Humberside Force legal team and the Minimum Wage Foundation. Following these conversations, Joanne Osborne to deliver an update at the next Regional Collaboration Board. 	KH & JO
10	<p>APCC & NPCC Update</p> <p>No further updates.</p>	
11	<p>NETIC Update</p> <p>Justin Partridge delivered a verbal update in regards to NETIC funding options and next steps. A paper is being drafted for the Deputy Chief Constables</p>	

regional meeting which will propose three options to consider following an unsuccessful bid to the transformational fund.

Option 1: continue with the programme as outlined in the PTF Bid

One option would be to continue with the programme of work and timescales as outlined in the Strategic Business Case and PTF bid, with all funding coming from Forces.

Option 2: smaller team and longer timescales

This option delivers the same programme of work outlined in the Strategic Business Case and PTF bid for phase 2 (the first 12 themes), plus development towards phase 3 but with a smaller core team of 10 people, joint Project Leads for a number of projects, and an extended timescale of 18 months.

Option 3: continue with the current resourcing

The final option would be to continue the NETIC programme with the current resources, but with a reduced programme of work and extended timescales.

The Board committed to supporting the team however are looking to arrange a strategic meeting to consider the options in more detail. This will be discussed at the DCC Regional Meeting and Chief Constables Operational Board in the near future. (Please see previous action at Item 8)

12 Under Water Search Update

Justin Partridge presented a report detailing the operational performance and current financial situation of the Underwater Search Marine Unit.

The Board agreed that it would be beneficial for the head of unit to be invited to give an update at a future meeting regarding performance and financial matters.

13 Any Other Business

None.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 8th of June 2017