

OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR GWENT
STRATEGY AND PERFORMANCE BOARD
3rd March 2021

Present: **Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)**
Mr J Cuthbert - Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)
Ms E Thomas – Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner (DPCC)
Mrs S Curley – Chief Executive (CEX)
Mr D Garwood-Pask – Chief Finance Officer (CFO)
Mrs J Regan – Head of Assurance and Compliance (HoAC)
Mr R Guest – Head of Communications and Engagement (HoCE)
Mrs N Warren – Governance Officer (GO)

Office of the Chief Constable (OCC)

Ms P Kelly – Chief Constable (CC)
Mrs A Blakeman – Deputy Chief Constable (DCC)
Mr I Roberts – Assistant Chief Constable (ACC)
Mr N Stephens – Assistant Chief Officer, Resources (ACOR)
Mr N Mclain – Chief Superintendent – Head of Continuous Improvement (HoCI)
Ms L Brustad – Superintendent – Head of Professional Standards Department (HoPSD)
Mr M Hobrough Chief Superintendent – Newport Central LPA (MH)
Mr T Harding – Chief Superintendent – Blackwood LPA (TH)
Ms M Booth, Superintendent – First Point of Contact (FPOC)
Ms N Wesson, Head of Corporate Communications (HoCC)
Ms N Brennan, Assistant Director – Head of Joint Legal Services (HoJLS)
M S Connolly, Head of People Services (HoPS)
Mr S Rosser-Trokas, Detective Sergeant – Cyber (SRT)
Mr R Fuller – Staff Officer - (SO)

Staff Associations

Mrs L Davies (Unison)

The meeting commenced at 10:00am.

APOLOGIES

Action

1. Apologies for absence were received from Ms N Ryan and Mr Steven Thorpe, Police Federation, Mrs E Lionel, Principal Finance and Commissioning Manager and Ms J Robinson, Head of Strategy.

MINUTES

2. We received and confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on the 24th November 2020.

We noted that Johanna Robinson was leaving the OPCC to take up a new position at Llamau. We were also informed that Rachel Jones, who managed our risk process, was moving to a new post within Gwent Police.

Action

We thanked them both for their hard work and support and wished them well in their new roles.

The PCC requested an update regarding the five Safeguarding Hubs and whether they had gone live in each of the local authority areas as anticipated in January 2021. The ACC confirmed that officers were based in all five Safeguarding Hubs and were being supervised by Officers in Newport and Caerphilly.

The PCC requested an update on the Police Injury Pensions Review and the timeline for when the review was expected to take place. The ACOR advised us that progression had been made and agreed to provide a briefing paper by the next meeting.

ACOR

ACTIONS

3. We received and noted the actions from the meeting held on the 24th November 2020.

Action 5, 24th November 2020, Compliance with Code of Ethics

The PCC asked who would be chairing the new Internal Ethics Group and received confirmation that it would be the Chief Constable. The CEx advised us that following a meeting with the Force External Ethics Committee lead, it had been agreed that the OPCC would assist with setting up a Joint Ethics Committees and information from that Committee would be relayed to the Internal Ethics Group.

ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AGAINST THE POLICE AND CRIME PLAN PRIORITIES – QUARTER THREE

4. We received the organisational performance report against the Police and Crime Plan (the Plan) Priorities for Quarter Three.

We thanked Assistant Chief Constable Jonathan Edwards for his hard work and wished him a happy retirement.

The PCC asked that all acronyms be expanded in future reports.

DCC

The DCC informed us that a review of Force performance had been undertaken to identify areas of focus prioritised by the public, with the aim of reducing crime in those areas by 5% over the year, including Vehicle Thefts, Assaults and Domestic Violence. The report identified where the Force had met their target or whether further improvement was required. We were reminded that the impact of Covid19 had seen a reduction in crime across the nation, however Force performance was increasing in Gwent when compared to their most

similar groups (MSG) of Forces.

Action

There had been an 11.9% decrease in crime overall for the 12 months to December 2020 compared to the previous year; Gwent had the third biggest crime reduction out of the 8 forces in its MSG and were ninth nationally. The number of crimes solved had also increased by 26.7% and the Force had the fifth highest solved rate in its MSG.

There were 18.4%, (468) fewer Residential Burglaries for the 12 months to December 2020 compared to the previous year; Gwent had the sixth biggest reduction in its MSG and crime solved rates had increased by 2.4% to 6.5%. This could be attributed to the Force ensuring that Crime Scene Investigators were attending the scene at the earliest opportunity.

Over recording at First Point of Contact (FPOC) had been identified as an issue in some instances, particularly in the area of Public Order. However, the Force were rectifying the issue by obtaining the relevant evidence to verify if the Public Order incidents should have been recorded in the first instance or should be re-categorised as Anti-Social Behaviour offences, and if not, they were removed.

The PCC queried how the Force compared to the MSG in terms of Serious Violence Crime performance. The DCC informed us the number of Serious Violence incidents had decreased by 16.5% for the 12 months to December 2020 compared to the previous year and the Force were fourth out of 8 in its MSGs.

There had been a fall in the number of reported Sexual Offences which was most likely due to the impact of social restrictions brought about by Covid19. Although the decrease could be seen as positive performance, the DCC emphasised the force were focussing on ensuring members of the public felt confident to report these offences.

There had been a decrease in the number of National Referral Mechanism reports (NRMs) and Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) in relation to Modern Day Slavery (MDS) and Human Trafficking. This was thought to be as a result of the implementation of new legislation, although numbers had begun to normalise. The introduction of social restrictions could also be a contributory factor.

The number of Domestic Abuse (DA) incidents had increased by 3.3% for the 12 months to December 2020 compared to the previous year; 53.5% of all domestic incidents were crimed in December 2020. The Force were monitoring DA incidents to ascertain if the victims were repeat victims, to ensure the relevant support mechanisms were in place to prevent further incidents. The 1% increase in positive outcomes rates supported this approach.

There had been issues with the Force complying with Operation Encompass protocol when the schools had first closed down due to Covid19. Due to mis-communication Officers had not been informing the educational authorities when there had been an incident of domestic abuse. This had been rectified and performance levels had improved in this area.

The Force was focussing on offenders released under investigation (RUI) to ensure all lines of enquiry were being followed up. An audit was taking place in this area to ascertain if the investigative processes could be improved.

We were advised that Force performance was good in terms of arrests as the numbers had not decreased despite the impact of Covid19.

A significant Organisational Assessment was being conducted to review workforce representation in terms of ethnicity and gender, gender pay gaps and sickness. There was downward trend in sickness levels which could be attributed to the support work of the Occupational Health Team and the internal Force Test and Trace facility.

The PCC asked if the Force were anticipating a rise in crime once the Covid19 restrictions had been lifted. The DCC advised us that a rise in crime was expected and the new Police Operating Model would help to focus on crime reduction. The new model includes dedicated Inspectors for response and neighbourhood policing, in addition to the problem solving hubs and the 'We don't buy Crime' and Safer Streets initiatives. The target of a 5% reduction in crime was set at the beginning of the year in order to enable the Force to continue to deliver a robust service with the aim of further reducing crime by 5% year on year over a 4 year period to reach a 20% reduction.

The CC informed us that the Home Office had provided £580,000 of Surge funding for continued enforcement of Covid19 restrictions and to plan for the expected spike in crime when the restrictions were lifted. It was anticipated that the lifting of restrictions would follow a phased approach and the Force were putting plans in place to adapt their service delivery accordingly. This was an opportunity to ensure the appropriate levels of resources were deployed to the right areas particularly when the restrictions on the night time economy were lifted.

The ACC informed us that a Sergeant had been seconded to the South Wales Police Violence Prevention Unit in order to acquire best practice in this area of work which would be shared with the Force with a view of publishing a Violence Reduction Strategy by the end of March.

The PCC asked why there had been a decline in the average speed of answer and in the number of 101 calls answered. The DCC agreed to obtain an update.

**Action
DCC**

Although the Performance report was inclusive of data on Black Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) workforce representation, the CC suggested that BAME representation in terms of Uplift programme be a bespoke performance item on the next agenda. The PCC agreed and welcomed a discussion on the matter prior to the following meeting.

CC

The DPCC offered her thanks and recognition to the Force for highlighting the critical areas of concern and welcomed the improved outcomes, particularly under extraordinary circumstances.

COVID19 RECOVERY UPDATE REPORT

5. We received and noted the Covid19 Recovery Update Report.

We thanked Chief Superintendents McLain and Hobrough for their hard work in this area, particularly with the challenges faced during the second wave of Covid19.

We were reminded that the report contained information up to the end of January 2021 and the ACC welcomed any questions following that on any subsequent developments.

The following areas were highlighted:

The Lessons Learned processes have been established and aligned to the College of Policing Guidance and National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC), branded as 'Operation Talla'. Reporting lines have been set up and regular national meetings conducted to provide a platform for discussions and regular links with police liaison to ensure the lessons from all Forces are brought together. This included areas such as Neighbourhood Policing, Response, Custody and Roads Policing. The Force also links into the All Wales Group and conducts daily Gold meetings. Standard Operating procedures for Covid19 Incidents, Calls for Service, Track and Trace systems and Public Protection Equipment have been developed as a result of information gathered through these processes which enables protection and wellbeing of Officers and Staff members.

The Force have utilised the Covid19 Surge funding to implement dedicated weekly Covid19 Patrols within both Local Policing Areas and across all five Local Authority areas, as the majority of demand tends to be at weekends due to unlawful gatherings. These patrols are tasked in line with local community intelligence, calls for service and information from partner agencies.

The Force were awaiting results of the Lateral Flow Testing pilot before the process could be implemented on an all Wales basis. There could also be a potential resource demand as a consequence of increased NPCC Police Quarantine Referrals as additional Officers may be required to conduct checks to ensure individuals adhere to quarantine direction.

The Force have been supporting the security of the Vaccination Centres and will continue to do so through the deployment of local Officers to provide reassurance and security.

Leaflets have been distributed to vulnerable victims to encourage them to report DA and Rape as there has been a reduction in reporting, which was likely to be a consequence of restrictions brought about by Covid19.

The National Police Coordination Centre (NPoCC) has taken control of national PPE supplies for policing since the last report and there had been no issues of concern regarding supply. However, the levels of specialist Face Fit masks continue to be monitored as these are required for the more significant exposures to Covid19

Whilst it had been identified that working from home was suitable for a number of people to support the social distance guidance from the Welsh Government, it was not suitable for all employees due to the type of roles undertaken, particularly frontline workers. The Health and Safety Officer has conducted a review of employees who were not able to work from home and the relevant safety measures have been implemented. If employees had to work from home or were in Isolation, the required Management support has been provided and a Display Screen Equipment Assessment has been commissioned to ensure their safety and welfare has been assessed.

It has been identified that employees working from home have been working longer than usual and some have also been undertaking care for family members at the same time. Therefore, the wellbeing of all employees has been a strong focus for the Force; they have adopted an all Wales risk assessment tool to ensure it provides the right level of support and advice to those who may be vulnerable; improved their wellbeing offer to staff through Covid19 by approving a new staffing model with a dedicated Wellbeing Specialist; employees are able to engage with the Occupational Health Team when required and regular activities are provided such as the virtual choir and counselling services are available.

The Internal Test, Trace and Protect service had proved to be success as absences can be monitored on a daily basis and they can respond quickly to Officers who have been subject to suspected infection.

The recruitment programme to increase Officer numbers in accordance with Operation Uplift has progressed well as interviews have been undertaken online. However, the Force acknowledged that further work needs to be undertaken to communicate more with BAME communities in this area. Weekly dial-ins with the BAME community were to continue in order to monitor community cohesion and to assess the impact of Covid19 and the potential impact of Brexit. On the 2nd of March, 36 Community Support Officers formally passed out, 5 of whom were from the BAME community.

Covid19 had impacted the Capital Programme which has caused delays for some projects, although the new Headquarters was on course for completion as expected.

Covid19 related costs stood at £290,000 at the time of the report. The UK Government have subsequently provided additional Surge Enforcement funding of £308,000 and the Welsh Government have provided a further £20,000 for proactive policing costs within the community. Since then, Covid19 enforcement activity has amounted to £24,808.00 and further local costs were expected for the purchase of PPE in November 2020.

The “4E” (Engagement, Explanation, Encouragement and Enforcement) approach continues to be applied, but as the Health crisis has developed it has become clear that at times the enforcement approach was often necessary in order to continue to suppress the virus. This has resulted in an increase in Fixed Penalty Notices.

There have been no risks identified to the supply of fuel or parts for Force Fleet vehicles as a result of Covid19 or Brexit.

The Force were well placed in Public Order training and were deploying Officers to support Kent Police during February 2021. There were further anticipated deployments on Mutual Aid expected in June 2021.

The Force received favourable feedback in response to Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) Covid19 Inspection in December 2020.

The PCC thanked the ACC for the report and all involved for their hard work throughout the Covid19 pandemic which was reflected in the feedback from the Joint Audit Committee and the recognition within the HMICFRS Covid19 Inspection De-Brief.

The PCC acknowledged the importance of agile working as it had enabled a more sustainable environmentally friendly approach such as online meetings and reduced traffic and agreed that some of these

elements could be maintained following the lifting of restrictions. The CC and PCC offered their sincere thanks to the public for their support during this unprecedented time and also to the Lead Officers and Staff for their hard work. They also conveyed their utter disappointment and concern that frontline Officers and Staff had not had their vaccinations when they were working in the community on a daily basis, putting themselves and their families at risk of contracting Covid19.

Action

The CC assured us that the wellbeing of Officers and Staff was of paramount importance, particularly with the effects of cancelled leave, and fatigue. The financial impact of Covid19 could result in members of the public losing their jobs which would further exacerbate these issues and as such wellbeing would form a mandatory item in the Force Performance Review this year.

THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS PERFORMANCE REPORT – QUARTER 3 2020-21

6. We received and noted the Professional Standards Performance Report Quarter 3, 2020-21.

The following key points were highlighted:

Two workshops on the 'Abuse of Position for a Sexual Purpose' had been presented to 123 multi-agency partners during Safeguarding week and this work was to continue over the following 12 months. The CEx informed us that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) was responsible for monitoring Force compliance with the IOPC national recommendations in relation to the Abuse of Position for sexual gain and confirmed that PSD had kept the office fully informed from the outset and acknowledged the good work of PSD in delivery of the workshops.

The monitoring of devices, such as laptops and mobile phones was continuing and the relevant reporting lines were in place to resolve any outstanding actions. The Business Case regarding the procurement of an alternative device monitoring product had been agreed and it was in the process of being implemented.

A rigorous Performance Framework had been developed within the Professional Standards Department (PSD) and the initial performance meetings had taken place where some system inefficiencies had been identified which required resolution. Equality monitoring was also to be included within the performance framework. The data within the framework was to be incorporated within the report going forward. The OPCC would also be linking in with the Performance Framework in order to address any concerns from the Police and Crime Panel.

The Independent Office of Police Conduct (IOPC) had undertaken a

case audit as the number of referrals to them had decreased. However, following scrutiny none of the cases required a mandatory referral and the IOPC were satisfied the decrease was more likely to be due to social restrictions as a result of Covid19.

Action

Following a national comparison of vetting units in the country by Process Evolution, it was confirmed that there was sufficient capacity within the Force to undertake vetting processes including Gwent's share of the 20,000 uplift in Officers as long as a part time resource was provided for 6 months during the busier time. The resource had subsequently been agreed at the Workforce Resource meeting. Management Vetting processes were also considered to be at a proportionate level and the relevant flagging procedures were in place.

The DCC thanked all involved for addressing the areas identified by the HMICFRS as requiring improvement.

The PCC queried why Quarter 1 had not been referenced within the report and the HoPSD agreed to obtain an update.

The CEx informed us that the Force had renewed their contract with Sancus Ltd for a further 12 months for the processing of complaint reviews. Following the renewal, the OPCC received positive feedback from Sancus Ltd in relation to the positive working relationship between the OPCC, PSD and Sancus.

RESPONSE TO OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE REVIEW OF ROADS POLICING CAPABILITIES IN GWENT

7. We received and noted the response to the OPCC's Review of Roads Policing Capabilities in Gwent.

The ACC advised us that the Area Support Unit (ASU) had seen significant results in relation to Serious and Organised crime and had a very good enforcement record but acknowledged there was further work that needed to be done regarding casualty reduction and roads policing.

Whilst having regard to the NPCC Road Safety Strategy and recognising the importance of road safety to the community, the Force had considered the recommendations within the report and committed to adopting all of the recommendations within the realms of the new Police Operating Model.

A business case for centralising the two ASUs had been agreed at the Service Improvement Board. The new Roads Policing and Specialist Operations Units would be managed under the command of Specialist Operations at Headquarters to work alongside the Go Safe Team and the Collision Investigation Unit in the Summer of 2021.

The ACC advised us that he monitors casualty reduction performance via the Operational Performance Board and a Strategic Threat and Risk Assessment was in the process of being conducted to gain a greater understanding of roads policing issues.

The PCC asked for a progress update on the Roads Policing Review at the following meeting.

FORMAL RESPONSE FROM FORCE TO OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER CRIME PREVENTION REPORT

8. We received an oral update on the Force's response to the OPCC Crime Prevention Report.

We were advised that a new Crime Prevention Strategy was in the process of being drafted following the review of the Police Operating Model, therefore some of the recommendations within the OPCC Crime Prevention report had been superseded. However, responses to the recommendations had been collated and would be provided to the PCC for information outside of the meeting. The new Crime Prevention Strategy would be presented at the following meeting.

MANUAL OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ANNUAL REVIEW

9. We received the Annual Review of the Manual of Corporate Governance (MoCG) for approval.

The CEx reminded us that the MoCG set out the relationship between the PCC and CC. We noted that the JAC had considered the proposed amendments for approval by the PCC and the CC and no recommendations were made.

The CEx advised us that the MoCG would require further amendments as Joint Legal Services were to add best practice information but there were no legal changes. The report would be brought to the following SPB meeting for review.

The PCC and CC agreed to approve the amendments to the MoCG subject to the changes.

CYBER CRIME PRESENTATION

10. We received a presentation on Cyber Crime.

The following key points were highlighted:

The volume of Cybercrime has increased across all Force areas in England and Wales and continues to grow. Cybercrime accounts for 4.6% of all recorded crime. However, in reality is links to many more

crimes.

A whole Force approach had been adopted in Gwent; specialist teams with bespoke training investigate and respond to the most serious and complex incidents working with Regional and National Partners on a regular basis.

Action

We were advised that the Joint Audit Committee (JAC) had received a deep dive presentation on Fraud on the 1st March 2021 which had focused on Cyber Crime. It was very well received and the committee were keen to understand what was being done to educate the general public on the extent of Cybercrime. The PCC asked what approach was being taken by the Force to raise awareness. We were advised that the Force has a dedicated Protect Officer and a dedicated Cyber Community Support Officer who hosted regular engagements with community groups, businesses, schools and online. A significant amount of work was undertaken to promote a 'Safer Internet Day' in February 2021 which was very well received by the public with just under 1 million people engaging across Gwent and the wider region. There had also been 18 different campaigns delivered to raise awareness in the last quarter.

The PCC conveyed his concerns that Cyber enabled/dependent Crime was being under reported as some aspects of Cybercrime were not being recorded so the impact of Cybercrime could be much higher nearer 40%.

The PCC asked what approach the Force were taking in respect of Serious Fraud. We were informed reports of Serious Fraud were responded to by the Force Cybercrime Unit. The unit consists of a Financial Fraud Team who act to safeguard funds through the banking system and the Police Online Investigation Team (POLIT) who conduct an investigation to identify the perpetrators of the who use the internet to sexually exploit children.

The PCC informed us that the Police and Crime Panel (PCP) had requested a presentation on Cybercrime at their meeting in June 2021 hence the request for it to come to this meeting first. He suggested incorporating elements from both the Serious Fraud presentation and the Cybercrime Overview to highlight the extent of Cybercrime as well as the campaigns which had been used to raise public awareness. The Chief Executive suggested that the presentation could be used as an opportunity to present all of the good work being undertaken by Gwent Police in this area. The Chief Constable agreed.

ESTATES AND FACILITIES ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20

11. We received and noted the Estates and Facilities Annual Report 2019/20.

The ACOR advised us that the summary report related to 2019/20

and therefore some elements of the report had subsequently changed. The Commissioner requested further detail on the Estate Strategy and the ACOR confirmed a detailed report on delivery against the Estates Strategy would be presented at the next meeting to highlight the significant progress made in the current financial year 2020/21.

The ACOR informed us that the Estates and Facilities Department managed and delivered premises and operational support services to the Officers and Staff in the Force to ensure the delivery of public services runs efficiently.

We referred to the key projects within the report such as the new Headquarters build; to replace the old building, the Abergavenny Hub; for a joint Fire and Police Station, the Torfaen Hub; to upgrade custody, the termination of the Private Funding Initiative contract for Ystrad Mynach Custody Unit and the progression of the Joint Firearms Range with Dyfed Powys and South Wales Police.

Maintenance had been undertaken on the Estate to ensure it was fit for purpose for the delivery of services as indicated within the report.

The Estates and Facilities Department works closely with Monmouthshire County Council Property Services Department and have a formal Collaboration for Estate and Facilities works called the Shared Facilities Management Service including the provision of Building and Grounds maintenance, Reception Services.

Significant progress had been made in relation to De-carbonisation in order to reduce carbon emissions which would be reflected in the following report.

We referred to the next steps within the report and noted the completion date for the new Headquarters had changed from October 2021 to September 2021.

FORCE DELIVERY PLAN 2021/2022

12. We received and noted the Force Delivery Plan 2021/2022.

The CC informed us the report was a summary document and would need some revision going forward to align with the new Police and Crime Plan priorities as it could change post PCC elections in May 2021. The PCC accepted that the document was a summary document but it was important to ensure that it coincides with the Police and Crime Plan. The CEx advised that this report should stand for 2021/2022 as it relates to the final year of the current plan.

However, we noted the following key priorities within the report:

The Force plan was to focus on the Crime Reduction Strategy;

through development of the Crime Prevention Hubs and the 'We don't buy Crime' initiative, to strive towards a 20% reduction in Crime, to improve Victim Services; through the new Victims Services Model, the Victims Board and Safeguarding hubs, to deliver the required uplift of Officers (Operation uplift) whilst having regard to the Strategic Equality Plan, to continue progressing the Confidence Strategy in order to build public confidence; with the use of data from public surveys, to continue to be efficient and effective through utilisation of the new Operating Model, to invest in the Wellbeing and People Plan and Collaboration to align Governance and Commissioning processes with the OPCC.

Action

We noted the DCC would be responsible for monitoring progress against these priorities on a quarterly basis through the Scrutiny Executive Board.

The CEx asked if the Force Delivery Plan should be provided to the PCC election candidates in its current form as it would be used to inform them of the Force priorities prior to the collation of the next Police and Crime Plan which was due for renewal no later than the 1st April 2022, as it was in its final year. The CC asked if further information could be added prior to distribution.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

13. The information contained in the report(s) below has been subjected to the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Data Protection Act 2018 and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent's public interest test and is deemed to be exempt from publication under section 7.

JOINT STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

14. We received and noted the Joint Strategic Risk Register.

The DCC advised us that the format was slightly different. The document was scrutinised through various Boards in conjunction with the OPCC.

The unintended loss of records from the Police National Computer had been added to the register as a new risk. The Home Office had requested technical changes to the PNC system and during the change, data had gone missing from some of the records. The Force have put processes in place to mitigate the risk. A review was conducted and the Force were satisfied that none of the missing data was cause for concern, as persons subject of interest could be identified using the Niche Policing System. The majority of affected missing records related to 2004/2005 with a no action status. The review was conducted on a Threat Risk and Harm basis and there were no issues that identified as a risk to the public. The Force were

awaiting confirmation from the Home Office with regards retrieval of the data and anticipated that it would be available within the next 12 to 13 weeks.

Action

The CEx advised us that the issue had been scrutinised through various Governance Boards and the OPCC were assured the appropriate measures had been put in place.

We noted the risk relating to the 'inability to monitor Samsung Devices' risk had not been updated to reflect that the level of risk had reduced however the DCC assured us that it was a timing issue and it would be updated by the following meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

15. The CC advised us that due to the uncertainty around the level of restrictions during the forthcoming elections in May 2021 an All Wales Gold Group had been set up to be co-ordinated by Dyfed Powys Police to ensure a consistent approach across the Forces.

TO IDENTIFY ANY RISKS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

16. No risks were identified during the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 12.12