

Surrey Criminal Justice Partnership Meeting Minutes

12:55 -13:30hrs, Wednesday 6th September 2017
Sackville House, Lewes

1. Welcome, Apologies and Declarations – David Munro

David Munro (Chairman)	Police and Crime Commissioner, Surrey	DM
Jaswant Narwal	Chief Crown Prosecutor – CPS	JN
Lisa Herrington	Office of Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner	LH
Nev Kemp	Surrey Police	NK
Lynette Shanks	Surrey Police	LS
Claire Gunney	Surrey Police	CG
Tim Shaw	Surrey Police	TS
Dave Manning	HM Courts & Tribunals Service	DMA
Paul Woods	HM Prison and Probation Service	PW
Andrea Saunders	HM Prison and Probation Service	AS
Mike Blower	Surrey County Council	MB
Rob McCauley	Legal Aid Agency	RM
Sadie Hanif	Victim Support	SH
Wendy Tattersall	Public Health England	WT
Bruce Tippen	SSCJP Business Manager	BT
Lindsey Parris	SSCJP	LP
<u>Observing</u>		
Heather Ryder	Surrey County Council	HR

Apologies received from:

<i>Sally Varah</i>	<i>Deputy Lord Lieutenant - Surrey</i>	<i>SV</i>
<i>Debbie Cropanese</i>	<i>HM Courts & Tribunals Service – Head of Crime</i>	<i>DC</i>
<i>Nick Pascoe</i>	<i>HM Prison and Probation Service</i>	<i>NP</i>
<i>Suki Binning</i>	<i>Seetec Group / Kent, Surrey & Sussex CRC</i>	<i>SBi</i>
<i>Ben Byrne</i>	<i>Surrey County Council</i>	<i>BB</i>
<i>Ian Whiteside</i>	<i>HMP Bronzefield</i>	<i>IW</i>
<i>Alison Bolton</i>	<i>Office of Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner</i>	<i>AB</i>
<i>Susanne Jarman</i>	<i>Citizens Advice – Witness Service</i>	<i>SJ</i>
<i>Maralyn Smith</i>	<i>Victim Support</i>	<i>MS</i>
<i>Nicky Croft</i>	<i>NHS England</i>	<i>NC</i>

DM welcomed members to the SCJP meeting.

Declarations of Interest:

None received

2. Minutes and Rolling Action Log from previous meeting 7th June 2017

The minutes of the previous SCJP meeting were agreed as an accurate record.
The Action Log (separate document) was discussed and updated.

3. Restorative Justice

LH reported following an outstanding task within the SSCJP Delivery Plan to “Explore Restorative Justice for adults in Surrey” she wished to update members on progress made by the OSPCC in clarifying partner views and commitment to the future of RJ in Surrey.

The OPCC held an RJ Stakeholder event at Surrey Police Headquarters on 23rd August 2017 to gather partner views and enable a productive discussion.

The Surrey RJ Partnership Group had been dormant for some time and many attendees at the stakeholder event were former members of the group.

In 2015 as part of the OPCC's commissioning responsibilities for victims of crime the OPCC invested £50,000 in the Surrey RJ Hub a facility which has not been fully utilised for adults and in two years has dealt with just two cases.

The event informed stakeholders of the PCC's competing funding pressure. On a basis of evidenced need and a review of current provision of support available in Surrey for those affected by crime it had been a priority to ensure significant gaps in service for vulnerable victims and those with complex needs were addressed. This led to the OSPCC investing the majority of its commissioning budget on specialist services for those affected by domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation, rape and sexual assault alongside a victim assessment, referral and local support service provided by Victim Support. Whilst some other PCC areas have allocated a greater proportion of their Victims Funding to RJ work this has not been the case in Surrey and therefore a shift towards any more RJ provision would be to the detriment of other commissioned services.

LH added the running of the RJ Stakeholder event was extremely timely because of the changes to Out of Court Disposals (OOC) proposed by the national lead for OOC – Hampshire Constabulary DCC Sara Glen. If forces are to adopt her proposal for a two tier approach consisting of conditional cautions and community reparations with conditions attached to each disposal it is predicted that requests from victims for RJ could increase significantly.

LH recommended:

- **The SCJP agrees the OPCC should lead on exploring RJ for adults in Surrey**
- **The Surrey RJ Partnership Group should be re-formed to explore RJ for adults in Surrey (led by the OPCC) and that this may form part of the wider OOC agenda**

SCJP agreed with recommendations proposed by LH

LS reported there still remains uncertainty whether OOC will be legislated or not and a national response regarding OOC is expected at the end of October 2017.

AS reported she is a supporter RJ and she hoped RJ would not continue to be a post code lottery going forward.

4. Performance, Risks and Highlight Reports

BT reported the YRI Satisfaction Rate had dropped significantly during quarter one but this was due to low numbers being surveyed and the survey changing to be carried out every 6 months rather than quarterly. On-going monitoring of YRI Satisfaction Rate would continue.

MB reported even though First Time Entrants (FTE) into CJS was showing as poor performance FTE's in Surrey still remains the lowest in the country and 50% lower than any other area in the South East.

5. AOB

It was noted by the SCJP that David McNulty would be retiring as Surrey County Council Chief Executive on 30th September 2017.

Close – David Munro

DM thanked members for their time and input to the meeting.

Future Meetings: Wednesday 6th December – Surrey Police HQ – Schofield Room