



Surrey Criminal Justice Partnership Meeting Minutes

12:30 – 13:10hrs, Monday 25th March 2019
Sackville House, Lewes BN7 2FZ

1. Welcome, Apologies and Declarations – David Munro

David Munro	Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner (Chairman)	DM
Alison Bolton	Office of the Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner	AB
Frank Ferguson	Chief Crown Prosecutor – South East (Vice Chairman)	FF
Claire Mullarkey	HM Courts & Tribunals Service (Head of Crime)	CM
Clive Davies	Surrey Police	CD
Tony Grant	Surrey Police	TG
Rob Harris	Surrey Police	RH
Sam Newbould	KSS CRC	SN
Maralyn Smith	Victim Support	MS
Rob McCauley	Legal Aid Agency	RM
Mark Burden	HM Prison and Probation Service	MB
Bruce Tippen	SSCJP Business Manager	BT
Lindsey Parris	SSCJP	LP

Apologies received from:

<i>Dave Manning</i>	<i>HMCTS</i>	<i>DMa</i>
<i>Nev Kemp</i>	<i>Surrey Police</i>	<i>NK</i>
<i>Robin Brennan</i>	<i>HM Prison and Probation Service</i>	<i>RB</i>
<i>Sarah Coccia</i>	<i>HM Prison and Probation Service</i>	<i>SC</i>
<i>Susanne Jarman</i>	<i>Citizens Advice – Witness Service</i>	<i>SJ</i>
<i>Anne Elgeti</i>	<i>NHS England</i>	<i>AE</i>
<i>Wendy Tattersall</i>	<i>Public Health England</i>	<i>WT</i>
<i>Vicky Robinson</i>	<i>HMP Bronzefield</i>	<i>VR</i>
<i>Sam Goolding</i>	<i>Surrey Police</i>	<i>SG</i>
<i>Sally Varah</i>	<i>Deputy Lord Lieutenant – Surrey</i>	<i>SV</i>
<i>Gail Rogers</i>	<i>Surrey County Council</i>	<i>GR</i>
<i>Manjinder Purewal</i>	<i>KSS CRC</i>	<i>MP</i>

DM welcomed members to the SCJP meeting and extended a warm welcome to Frank Ferguson (Vice Chairman) and Claire Mullarkey (HMCTS – Head of Crime) who were both attending their first SCJP meeting.

Declarations of Interest:

None received

2. Minutes and Rolling Action Log from previous meeting 5th December 2018

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

3. Surrey Performance

BT reported disparity currently exists in relation to offence to completion rates in Surrey (Magistrates Courts) where there was a notable step-change after December 2016. Timeliness from offence to completion deteriorated and peaked in December 2017 following which there were encouraging signs of recovery. There has been further decline up to December 2018. Ongoing monitoring and investigation would continue via the Core Performance Group.

Research from available data indicates that the Postal Charging and Requisitioning (PCR) process is where most delay is taking place between a decision to prosecute and the date of the first court hearing. This is having a knock-on effect with TSJ figures which also show abnormally high time periods between charge and first hearing. Changes to the arrest and bail process may have influenced this change or a simple matter of incorrect decision points being used by the national data systems. TG agreed to investigate if incorrect decision points are being used by the national data systems

Action: TG to investigate if incorrect decision points are being used by the national data systems

Timeliness performance in the Crown Court continues to improve.

BT reported partners had previously expressed concern over data integrity in the way Casefile Quality Assessment is being measured. The latest performance may be taken as a more genuine figure where higher volumes of police files are now measured by CPS. Performance has improved for Magistrates Court work since the previous quarter. Performance still remains slightly better than national average.

FF reported the way casefile quality is assessed will be changing again in the near future and further information will follow in due course.

FF added although the return rate may look worse he assured partners there was nothing to be concerned about at this stage. **Noted**

CD reported Surrey Police are working closely with CPS colleagues regarding case file quality. Robust local processes are in place which will also identify individuals who may need further training going forward.

RASSO conviction rates show a continuing overall trend of improvement despite the most recent quarter's data showing a dip. Domestic abuse conviction rates remain stable.

Crest Report

DM reported Crest Advisory wrote to PCC's in August 2018 informing them they had won some funding from the Hadley Trust to work with PCC's and Local Criminal Justice Partnerships to improve the way CJS performance is measured. Surrey was selected as one of the 5 PCC areas to be offered 5 days free consultancy and to partner with Crest on their Criminal Justice performance project.

DM referred to the Crest report which highlighted court timeliness as an issue for Surrey and asked for any comments.

CD noted the data used by Crest Advisory was over 2 years old and many processes and procedures had changed. CD suggested the use of current data would show a better picture.

FF referred to item 2.1 and advised the number of defendants coming before the court is decreasing nationally and not increasing as suggested within the report.

CD suggested the decreasing number of defendants coming before court was not necessarily a bad thing particularly when you take into account the very successful diversion projects such as the Surrey Youth Restorative Intervention scheme and the Checkpoint initiative.

AB asked if there were any items within the report that needed exploring further.

BT reported he would liaise with the Core Performance Group Chairman – Adele Kelly and advised the report would get discussed further at the next CPG meeting.

Action: BT to liaise with the Core Performance Group Chairman – Adele Kelly regarding the findings within the Crest report.

Offender transition – Youth to Adult

BT reported at a planning meeting with the Chairmen of the Surrey Reducing Re-offending Group a conversation developed regarding the correlation of offending between young offenders and those entering the adult cohort. The question was raised as to whether or not those young adults on the CRC cohort had previously been through the Surrey Youth Restorative Intervention (YRI) scheme.

YRI has long been recognised as a significant contributor to reducing first-time entrants into the criminal justice system and partners were keen to establish if those young people had

maintained their good behaviour and not entered the justice system later in life as a young adult. Surrey County Council were very supportive of this work and agreed to share their historic YRI cohort with the KSS CRC Business Intelligence Unit. Cynthia Allen, Deputy Chief Probation Officer sanctioned this piece of work which had not been attempted before on behalf of the SCJP.

In conclusion the research validates the continuing success of the Surrey YRI with over 94% of young offenders not subsequently re-offending (CRC cohort). Of the 6% that did re-offend there was a gap of over 18 months following the youth intervention prior to sentencing as an adult. **Note: CRC have since revised their figures to 89%/11%**

BT asked members to note this encouraging piece of work and an excellent example of partnership working with KSSCRC. **Noted**

CD noted with the new Checkpoint initiative further good work should be seen going forward.

4. AOB

CD reported Surrey Police are a pilot site for the Lammy review which will allow people who do not admit an offence the opportunity to receive a deferred prosecution. Further information will follow in due course.

DM noted the changes to Victim Services in Surrey with effect from 1st April 2019. DM thanked MS and all Victim Support colleagues for their previous delivery of services in Surrey.

MS reported most Victim Support staff had transitioned across to the new Surrey Police Victim Support Unit and she thanked DM for his comments.

DM reported AB will be shortly going on maternity leave and Lisa Herrington will be taking over as Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer of the Surrey PCC's office. Lisa is currently Head of Policy & Commissioning and also co-chairs the county-wide Domestic Abuse Management Board.

Close – David Munro

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

Next Meeting:

Wednesday 5th June 2019 – Surrey Police HQ, Mount Browne, Guildford