



Cambridgeshire  
Police & Crime  
Commissioner

**To:** Business Coordination Board

**From:** Chief Constable

**Date:** 30 September 2015

## **OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

### **1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide an operational update to the Business Coordination Board ("the Board"). The paper covers any exceptional issues relating to Cambridgeshire Constabulary's ("the Constabulary") recent performance, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) inspections, significant operations and effective and efficient policing.

### **2. Recommendation**

2.1 The Board is invited to note the contents of the report.

### **3. Performance Update**

3.1 Please refer to quarterly performance report

### **4. HMIC Inspections Update**

4.1 The next major HMIC inspection of the Constabulary will be during the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015 (when the Effectiveness and Legitimacy elements of the Police Efficiency Effectiveness and Legitimacy (PEEL) inspection will be taking place).

4.2 HMIC will be visiting the Constabulary on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015 as part of the above inspection, when they will be meeting officers to review the Constabulary's response to serious and organised crime.

4.3 All police forces will receive their final grades from HMIC for effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy in February 2016.

## **5. College of Policing Peer Team Reviews of Child Sexual Exploitation**

5.1 A College of Policing Peer Team Review of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) in Cambridgeshire will be taking place during the week commencing 12th October 2015.

5.2 The review will last three days and the purpose of the Peer Review is to consider the arrangements in place to tackle CSE and to allow the Constabulary to continue to improve these arrangements, in line with the objectives of the National Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) CSE Action Plan.

5.3 The peer review team will conduct:

- A review of the Constabulary's current position against the National Action Plan.
- A review of the capability and capacity of the Constabulary to identify and bring offenders to justice, across all aspects of CSE this may include - online/offline, group and gang, individual, adult on child, child on child related offending looking across all ethnic, faith and social groups.
- A review of the level of engagement undertaken by forces with all communities to improve confidence in the services and increase reporting.
- A review of the police response only (there will be no review of partner agencies capabilities or processes) and assess how they engage with partners to tackle CSE.

5.4 The review will consider and make observations about the key issues, including:

- The processes and systems in place within Cambridgeshire Constabulary to allow them to understand the scale and nature of CSE and to mitigate the threat risk and harm caused by CSE.
- Review of how the police respond to other crime related threats that impact upon CSE.
- Strategic plans in place to combat CSE and the leadership and governance arrangements in place to deliver those plans.
- The level of awareness amongst frontline staff about the warning signs of CSE and the force approach towards combatting it.
- Review the level of multi-agency arrangements in place to deal with CSE.

## **6. Significant Operations**

### **6.1 Child Protection Campaign**

6.1.1 The public are being urged to report any concerns they have for the welfare of children as part of the Constabulary's Get Closer campaign in September.

6.1.2 The campaign aims to reassure the public about the police's approach to dealing with reports of abuse in an effort to increase the number of people coming forward with

information to protect the county's children. It will use a mixture of social and traditional media as well as radio advertisements to help get the message out.

## **6.2 Prevent Awareness Week**

- 6.2.1 A Prevent Awareness input was provided by the Eastern Counter Terrorism Intelligence Unit at Force Headquarters on 8th September 2015. The event followed on from the launch of the Let's Talk About It website, and is part of a national week of Prevent action which will see officers and staff at Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk police forces being given extra briefings and training on how to stop people becoming involved with terrorism or extremism.

## **6.3 Significant Cases**

- 6.3.1 A former police officer was sentenced at Lincoln Crown Court on 2nd September 2015, after pleading guilty to theft and computer misuse. The former officer received suspended sentences of 13 months for computer misuse and three months for theft, to be served consecutively. He was also ordered to complete 300 hours of unpaid work and pay costs of £1000 and compensation of £1070.

## **7. Effective and Efficient Policing**

### **7.1 20mph Speed Education Courses**

- 7.1.1 As of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015, the speed awareness course providers in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire will be adding a bespoke 20mph course to the suite they already offer. They have previously been unable to offer an educational option at this speed, meaning those prosecuted would only be able to accept a fine and points, or request a court hearing. Now the course is available officers can enforce 20mph zones, consistent with the approach taken in other speed zones

### **7.2 National Joint Training Conference for Police Officers and Interpreters**

- 7.2.1 The Constabulary hosted the UK's first national joint training conference for police officers and interpreters on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015, with 100 delegates attending from across the country and abroad.
- 7.2.2 Highlights from the day included best practice when using an interpreter, the latest research, practical techniques, case studies and reflection on similarities and differences in training of police officers and interpreters.

### **7.3 Relaunch of Unity Association**

- 7.3.1 The Constabulary's Unity Association was relaunched on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 at a meeting attended by Chief Officers, officers and staff from across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire.
- 7.3.2 Unity seeks to improve the working environment for all staff from ethnic and racial minority backgrounds in Cambridgeshire, and to establish good working relations between the Police and any local communities within the County with a view to enhancing the quality of service provided to the public

## **8. Recommendation**

**8.1** The Board is invited to note the contents of the report.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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