

Overview and Scrutiny, 17th April

Update from Police and Crime Panel, 24th March 2023

The Panel met to consider a range of issues, the first being the Improvement Plan update. This report was intended to provide police and crime panel members with an overview of recent activity and to address the causes of concern and recommendations contained within the HMICFRS 21, 22. In plain English, how effective, efficient and legitimate is its work – the PEEL report.

We were presented with a range of judgements in relation to the PEEL report. In relation to those judgements Gloucestershire Constabulary had engaged with HMICFRS, in relation to the special measures.

There a range of different reviews done in relation to the special measures situation and this had produced a number of results.

Post results were:

- The performance summary which led to the need for significant investment in police, staff and training;
- Stable and sustained performance improvement in this area;
- Focus on reduction of over recording;
- Continued focus on improving equalities data in incidents and crime reports;
- Program of auditing for quality assurance;
- Performance management courses where there were concerns highlighted;
- Arrests and detentions,

Gloucestershire is the host force for the regional drugs, enforcement and intensification week - Operation Vanquish, formerly Scorpion - from the 27th of March;

Solved outcomes and improving

41.6% more offences were solved by Gloucestershire Constabulary in the quarter December to February 2, 2223, than in the same period 2122;

In the discussion in relation to force management, I raised the issue of the Casey report and how that was being married into the Gloucestershire system.

I was assured that it was being married in and in looking at what is being proposed in relation to the Constabulary for the future, it would indeed Influence, inform and be decisive in some of the work that was going to be undertaken.

One area of concern was the ability to equalise demand flow throughout the system. In other words workflow and its impact.

This was being addressed in a range of ways:

New design in relation to local investigations;

Distribution of resources - the impact of introducing enhanced file building and so on and how all of those things that were being looked at could be identified as specific business benefits.

Those were gone through in relation to the report.

We then had an update from the Police and Crime Commissioner, and that update concerned his appointments for the period from the last meeting to this.

The commissioning team then gave an overview of the role of the commissioning team of the PCC, including details of the Commissioner's Fund.

The Chief Executive then gave his report and that report was discussed and accepted

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