

OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

FOR GREATER MANCHESTER

ETHICS COMMITTEE

16TH May 2017

Meeting commenced: 17.30

Meeting ended: 19.30

PRESENT: Bishop David Walker – In the Chair, David Arnold MBE, Dr Ruth Bromley, Nasir Hafezi, Dr Shaid Mushtaq, Dr Peter Joyce, Cym D’Souza, Sally Lester, Paul Horrocks, Ruth Purdie, Roy Walters, Peter Joyce, Catherine Boyd.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ian Pilling, Deputy Chief Constable, GMP
Nicola Spragg, Chief of Staff, GMP
Smyth Harper, Head of Communications, CA
Janette Cross, Business Support, CA

1. Welcome and Introductions to the meeting and apologies - Chair

The chair welcomed and introduced the meeting.

SM had provided apologies

2. Minutes from previous meeting and arising matters

The minutes were recorded as being a true and accurate reflection of the previous meeting.

Item 6

Chief Superintendent Annette Anderson had challenged the whistle blowing paper presented at the last meeting, and requested for changes accordingly. The members involved are currently completing this request.

3. Rochdale Police Ethics Presentation

Police Sergeant Philip Canavan and Inspector Michelle Hughes from Rochdale police division presented their “Ethics on the Frontline” to the committee. They gave context of how the work commenced and subsequently continued to progress and evolve. They are currently in the process of developing a Divisional Ethics panel which will initially involve internal

members but potentially expand to include external members in the future. A blog is also going to be introduced, where people can discuss ethical issues. A member will share some ethical scenarios.

Going forward once the panel and blog are in place, it is intended to be shared with other divisions, who can then bespoke to their individual requirements, as each locality will have differing issues. Guidance by this Committee would be of great assistance. DCC will reinforce to all divisions the existence of the Ethics Committee. An offer of students input was also given.

The committee thanked Rochdale division for sharing their work, and gave best wishes.

Action: Committee member to share some ethical scenarios

4. Report back on Ethics Framework and response with process to continue

This has been part of the handover to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and has gone to the police and crime panel.

Action: Feedback at next meeting

5. Human Tissue verbal update

Op Grantham started off with 175 cases, where tissue/organs had been retained, progress as of 9th May 2017:

57 cases for sensitive disposal, 33 cases for medical research, 18 cases for burial, 9 cases for cremation, 3 where the samples have been returned in wax for the family to cherish – (hair samples and 1 case where they cant dispose, as its undetected, but NOK are now aware and have requested a future burial.

In total 120 cases have been completed but burial or cremation may not have taken place as yet, which is 23 more finalised options compared to the previous update in March. An additional 44 cases have been allocated FLO (family liaison officers) which are waiting for family decisions /options. There are 11 more complicated cases, broken down as follows:

5 cases where NOK reside overseas and police working with the FCO and Interpol to trace NOK, 4 cases which are ongoing to identify NOK, 2 cases where the only known NOK is wanted by the police. One further complaint has been received from NOK, who was unhappy that the samples had been retained. Finally there is 1 FOI request which is currently with Legal.

With regards to Operation Poppy – Harold Shipman. IPCC will publish something in the next few weeks, this can then be shared.

Action: Update at next meeting.

Action: Circulate once available IPCC details regarding Operation Poppy.

6. Greater Manchester Mayor Transitional Arrangement

Andy Burnham was elected for the mayoral position, he then appointed Baroness Bev Hughes to oversee the OPCC element, subject to the agreement of the police and crime panel which takes place on 4th June 2017. The mayor had made a number of key announcements; his priorities were homelessness, health and social care integration and bus transportation. One of the members pointed out that many people had been invested in homelessness in Manchester and recognition for this would be appreciated.

A police and crime plan has to be produced within 12 months; the current one expires in December. An engagement for police and crime plan is currently being planned, this will be in consultation with deputy mayor and will be in place by 21st June 2017. Also in consultation will be stakeholders and police, Ethics Committee will be included in consultation. The main challenge will be balancing resources. One of the members felt that lack of continuity which led to relationship breakdown should be highlighted. DCC said he had met with the mayor who had chosen to delegate all tasks to the deputy mayors in exception to firing the CC and budget pre-sets.

Action: feedback around lack of acknowledgment on work already completed with homelessness in Manchester.

7. Prevent – Verbal update

A meeting has been scheduled for 19th May, due to unforeseen circumstances has been re-scheduled to 21st June.

Action: feedback outcome at next meeting.

8. Sharing information – Verbal update

Nicola Spragg shared a briefing note, and gave context to this by explaining there was no current policy relating that information would be shared with immigration. There are probably occasions where information has been shared where deemed necessary. There is a national referral mechanism set up by the government around human trafficking. Referrals made by GMP had been 39 adults and 45 minors and children. There were no published statistics. As far as aware, GMP had followed the correct process. DCC said some interesting debates had been generated on the back of the email shared, and some further work is going to take place. The committee was satisfied with the response and asked that as the policy is developed the meeting be kept informed.

Action: GMP to further update committee as policy develops.

9. Recording of Crime – Verbal Update

The group who had looked at this felt there was an issue with the way crime was recorded was inspected, and agreed it would be beneficial for Bev Hughes to look at this and respond. The way HMIC obtained their records from GMP felt misleading and inflammatory, with the rules described as not fit for purpose. DCC said since this report, reports have increased recording by 20%. The deputy mayor was briefed yesterday, ultimately the forces awarded better grades appeared to have smaller forces. GMP is appreciative of the committee input.

Action: Member to revise report to reflect observations made.

10. Membership of Agenda Planning Meeting

The meeting lasts approximately one hour and is held approximately two weeks prior to the Ethics Committee Meeting. There are currently three members who attend this meeting, two of the members will change.

11. Meal after July Meeting

It was proposed any members wishing to go for a meal following the Ethics meeting in July should contact the administrator 2 weeks prior to the meeting so that a table can be booked.

Action: Any members wishing to attend a meal following the meeting on 18th July, please contact administrator approximately 2 weeks before, for table reservation.

Next Meeting: 18th July 2017

