

DORSET CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD

Delivery Plan

2015/2016

The vision of the Dorset Criminal Justice Board (DCJB) is to deliver, in partnership, the best possible criminal justice service to the Dorset community. The Board aims to provide an effective Criminal Justice System, focusing on offering a high standard of service to victims and witnesses, protecting the public, reducing crime and reoffending.

Terms of Reference

- The Chair of the Dorset Criminal Justice Board (DCJB) shall serve 1-year tenure, with the opportunity to change should the need arise. Chair to be appointed by the Board at the January meeting.
- The DCJB shall meet bi-monthly, scheduled and booked in advance with all members.
- If a member is not able to attend, a deputy should be appointed where possible to support the productivity of the forum.
- The DCJB members will appoint an appropriate senior representative to attend the DCJB sub-groups to ensure partnership delivery and activity can be made to progress on the DCJB priorities.
- Through the DCJB, the sub groups will be set their delivery objectives. Each sub group will report back to the DCJB through the sub group chair. The DCJB will monitor the progress of delivery plans against each of the DCJB strategic objectives and the sub group will be held accountable by the main board.
- Themes to be set for the Agenda of each DCJB meeting
- The Wessex LCJB Business Manager will carry out structured assistance to the delivery and smooth running of the DCJB and its sub-groups.
- There is an expectation that the agency that chairs the DCJB sub-group will provide the secretarial support.
- DCJB members will identify and share good practice to improve service delivery within the criminal justice system, taking into account local and national priorities
- DCJB members will ensure that the services delivered in partnership are fair and responsive to the needs of the local community in Dorset
- The DCJB will provide a forum for the effective co-ordination of inter-agency working and collaboration between criminal justice partners
- The DCJB to maintain a system of recognition and reward for staff and volunteers engaged in criminal justice work

Priorities

The priorities set out below were agreed at the Dorset Criminal Justice Board meeting on the 24th July 2015, and take into account the priorities of the national Criminal Justice Board's Strategy and Action Plan and the Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan 2013 - 2017, in order to ensure, so far as is possible, a consistent and harmonious approach to delivery.

- **To deliver an efficient and effective Criminal Justice System in Dorset**
 - Reduce timescales for Domestic Abuse cases
 - Improve witness care and case progression, and increase victimless prosecutions
 - Increase use of live links
 - Explore centralised remand courts
 - Implement centralised thematic courts (traffic), single justice procedure and on-line plea
 - Sustain Transforming Summary Justice to provide swifter justice in the magistrates court
 - Implement Better Case Management Initiative in the crown court to ensure effective case progression

Delivery through the Wessex CJS Efficiency Board and Victim & Witness Strategy Group

- **To provide support to Victims & Witnesses throughout the Criminal Justice System**
 - Ensure service given is compliant with Victims Code of Practice and the Witness Charter
 - Improve the use of the Victim Personal Statement Protocol
 - Identify the most vulnerable individuals and improve the victim journey in relation to timeliness, special measures, support inside and outside the court room and achieving the appropriate outcome for the victim

Delivery through the Victim and Witness Strategy Group



Priorities

- **To prevent crime and reduce reoffending**
 - Promote joint working approaches to support and develop the pathways that contribute to reducing re-offending and rehabilitation of offenders in Dorset
 - Develop the joint Integrated Offender Management (IOM) approach to prioritise those who present the highest risk of reoffending and causing harm and those that commit offences of domestic abuse
 - Improve the journey for domestic abuse victims and achieve a greater appreciation of the journey of a domestic abuse victim
 - To develop and implement a coordinated, multi-agency approach to reduce offending by looked after children, with a particular focus on those at risk of child sexual exploitation

Delivery through Reducing Reoffending Strategy Board

- **To identify health and mental health needs across the CJS**
 - Identify offenders, victims and witnesses who are vulnerable in relation to their mental health needs
 - Improve the outcomes through the referral pathways into appropriate interventions

Delivery through Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Group



Dorset Criminal Justice Board Role

The role of the Dorset Criminal Justice Board is to bring together the key partners and most senior representatives of each of the CJ agencies in the county collaboratively, to provide the best possible service to the public of Dorset.

The board will hold a governance role over the following delivery groups and multi agency initiatives:

Reducing Reoffending Strategy Board
Victims & Witness Strategy Group
Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Group

Relationship with Wessex CJS Efficiency Board

The Wessex CJS Efficiency Board reports on compliance requirements directly to the appropriate strands of the national CJS Efficiency Programme. This board sits along side the DCJB and the chair gives a progress update to the DCJB, highlighting any issues, however does not report directly to the DCJB.

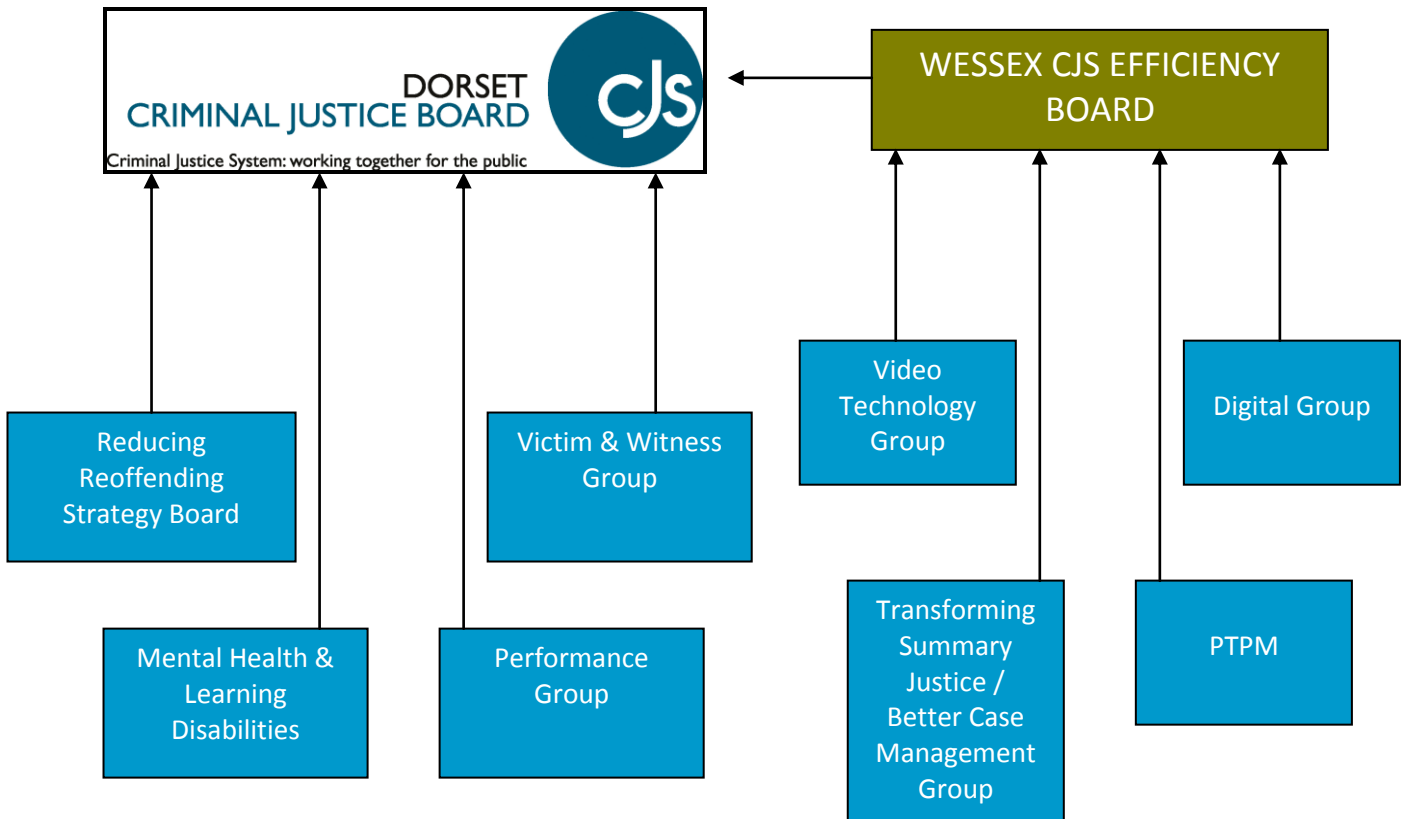
Confidentiality

Protecting confidential information is important and DCJB members and attendees will be present when confidential information is disclosed or discussed, or given in written form. This can take the form of offender details, embargoed information, or unpublished performance data, which is necessary to share or monitor as part of performance management. DCJB members will observe the rules of confidentiality and permission should be sought from the DCJB members and the 'owner' of the confidential information before it is shared more widely or publicised. Arrangements for data sharing in respect of the Crest Performance Tool will be covered by the PCC's Contract with Crest Analytics.



Governance

Structure



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Membership

Criminal Justice Leaders responsible for fulfilling the Terms of Reference and the delivery of the required activity

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| James Vaughan (Chair) | Deputy Chief Constable, Dorset Police |
| Mark Cooper | Detective Chief Superintendent, Head of Criminal Investigations, Dorset Police |
| Martyn Underhill | Police & Crime Commissioner, Dorset |
| John Ferguson | The Commissioning and Partnerships Manager, Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner |
| Kate Brown | Chief Crown Prosecutor, Crown Prosecution Service, Wessex |
| Phil Golding | Head of Crime, HMCTS |
| Tina Ridge | Head of Dorset, National Probation Service (NPS) |
| John Wiseman | Chief Executive, Dorset, Devon & Cornwall Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) |
| David Webb | Head of Dorset Combined Youth Offending Service |
| Louise Hebblethwaite | Legal Aid Agency |
| Jan Steadman | Head of Criminal Justice, Dorset Police |
| Tim Smith | HMCTS Justices' Clerk – Dorset, Devon & Cornwall |
| Rachel Partridge * | Public Health Dorset County Council |
| Sue Staddon ** | Head of Health & Justice Commissioning, NHS England South |
| James Lucas | Governor of HMYOI Portland |
| Associate Member | |
| HHJ Johnson | |

*** by invitation**

**** by theme**