

**DORSET  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD**

Criminal Justice System: working together for the public



**DORSET  
LCJB VICTIM & WITNESS STRATEGY  
GROUP**

**Terms of Reference**

**2015/2016**



## Terms of Reference

- The Chair of this group will report quarterly to the Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB) on the objectives as set by the main LCJB.
- To monitor and promote the proper care and treatment of victims and witnesses utilising a holistic approach that values the importance of effective communication, co-operation and co-ordination between all partner agencies.
- To review processes, understanding the end to end Criminal justice victim journey, and recommend specific actions across all agencies for consideration by the Board, to improve service delivery for victims, and disseminate best practice.
- For this holistic approach to be aimed at increasing the confidence of victims and witnesses in the Criminal Justice Services.
- To take steps to assess the response of victims and witnesses to their treatment by the Criminal Justice Services in Dorset, and to react proactively to their feedback.
- To identify and, where appropriate, link to other local groups or forums that have a domestic abuse remit eg Pan Dorset Domestic Abuse Strategic group and MARAC Steering Group and to oversee the work of the Specialist Domestic Abuse Courts in Dorset.
- To identify and, where appropriate, link to other local groups or forums that have a Sexual violence remit eg Sexual Violence Strategic group, Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC), and CSE Group.
- To agree and obtain common performance data, for sharing with agency partners.
- To support the development of the Victims Bureau by adopting an integrated approach to the work of all agencies Statutory and Voluntary who work with victims of crime.
- Administration will be provided initially by the Business Manager for the Wessex LCJB (Dorset) office.



# Objectives

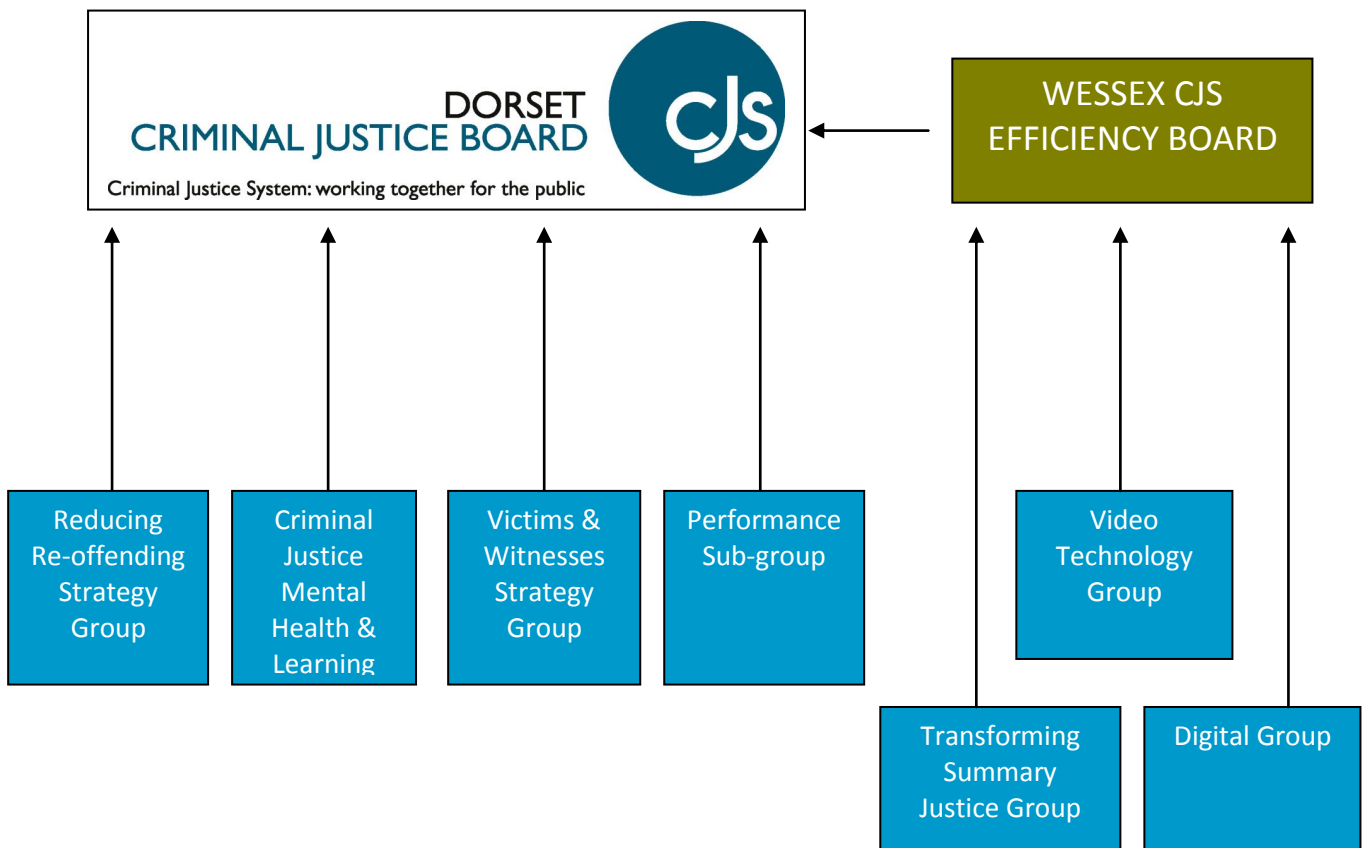
## 2015/16 OBJECTIVES

The below objectives for the LCJB Victim & Witness Group take into account the priorities of the National Strategy & Action Plan and the Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner's Police & Crime Plan 2013-17, and are agreed by Dorset Criminal Justice Board

1. Monitor the implementation and compliance of the Victim Code and Witness Charter
2. Improve Domestic Abuse conviction rates
3. Reduce number of unnecessary witnesses and witness waiting times attending Courts, focussing on Magistrates court in the first instance
4. Oversee developments in Restorative Justice strategy
5. Reduce the incidence of repeat victimisation
6. To develop a Victim Journey map for Dorset



## Structure





## Membership

The group should comprise representatives from:

- Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service
- National Probation Service
- Her Majesty's Prison Service
- Dorset Constabulary
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Crown Prosecution Service
- Youth Offending Team
- Victim Support
- Witness Service
- Community Rehabilitation Company

Under future consideration

- Defence
- Judiciary
- Community Safety Partnerships } or Representatives of
- Dorset County Council } Community Safety and
- Unitary Authorities Poole and Bournemouth } Criminal Justice group as
- Children's Services ? this evolves
- Mental Health Services ?
- Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference representative
- IDVA/ISVA

Equality and diversity will be a core theme that runs throughout all aspects of the group's work

These TOR should be reviewed annually

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