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Agenda Item	Action	Responsibility	Status
Item 7 Annual Report	Funding to support female offenders is mentioned on page 26 of the annual report. The Commissioner agreed to forward more information on this to the Panel.	PCC	Copies of the Final Evaluation Report and Presentation for the Women's Step to Change Triage & Diversion Project were shared with the Panel, as requested. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WSTC final evaluation presentation• WSTC final evaluation report COMPLETED.

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<p>Item 12 Commissioner's Question Time</p>	<p>The Commissioner agreed to forward more details to the Panel on Sussex Police's child-centred policing approach.</p>	<p>PCC</p>	<p>The aim of the Sussex Police child-centred approach to policing is "to improve the confidence that children and young people have in the police, to keep them safe from harm and ensure they feel supported and engaged for generations to come".</p> <p>The approach can be demonstrated through the following activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sussex Police currently has 20 Prevention Youth Officer (PYO) posts embedded within local Prevention teams who are dedicated to developing and maintaining working relationships with schools and other educational establishments. The PYOs replaced the Neighbourhood School Officer posts that performed this role previously. The PYOs work closely with multi-agency safeguarding and vulnerability teams to tackle any identified problems that arise and ensure that a more consistent and joined-up approach exists around information sharing and problem solving. • The Force has introduced 121 Youth Ambassadors made up of police officers and staff from across the organisation, who are readily identifiable by specially designed pin badges and are tasked with challenging colleagues and changing perspectives in respect of children and young people. • The importance of understanding and promoting child-centred policing at initial contact are two elements that have been included in the training packages delivered to all new police officers, Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and contact handlers. • Sussex Police are supportive of the Troubled Families programme. This is a national programme of targeted intervention for families with multiple problems including: crime; anti-social behaviour; truancy; unemployment; mental health and domestic abuse. • The Force has increased the use of Body Worn Video when attending incidents involving children and young people to assess their safety and associated behaviours.
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Item 12 Commissioner's Question Time	The Commissioner agreed to provide Panel members with further information about the different types of stalking.	PCC	<p>There a number of different types of stalker. A stalker could be a former or current sexual partner, an acquaintance, friend, colleague, neighbour or family member or a complete stranger to their victim. The different types of stalkers are listed below to help you recognise if you, or someone you know, may be being stalked:</p> <p>The Rejected Stalker – Rejected stalking arises in the context of the breakdown of a close relationship. Victims are usually former sexual intimates; however family members, close friends, or others with a very close relationship to the stalker can also become targets of Rejected stalking. The initial motivation of a Rejected stalker is either attempting to reconcile the relationship, or to exacting revenge for a perceived rejection. In many cases Rejected stalkers present as ambivalent about the victim and sometimes appear to want the relationship back, while at other times they are clearly angry and want revenge on the victim. In some cases of protracted stalking, the behaviour is maintained because becomes a substitute for the past relationship as it allows the stalker to continue to feel close to the victim. In other cases, the behaviour is maintained because it allows the stalker to salvage their damage self-esteem and feel better about themselves.</p> <p>The Resentful Stalker – Resentful stalking arises when the stalker feels as though they have been mistreated or that they are the victim of some form of injustice or humiliation. Victims are strangers or acquaintances who are seen to have mistreated the stalker. Resentful stalking can arise out of a severe mental illness when the perpetrator develops paranoid beliefs about the victim and uses stalking as a way of 'getting back' at the victim. The initial motivation for stalking is the desire for revenge or to 'even the score' and the stalking is maintained by the sense of power and control that the stalker derives from inducing fear in the victim. Often Resentful stalkers present themselves as a victim who is justified in using stalking to fight back against an oppressing person or organisation.</p>
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<p>Item 12 Commissioner's Question Time</p>	<p>The Commissioner agreed to provide Panel members with the number of leavers from the Force Contact Command and Control Department in the past year, together with the proportion of these leavers that were employed as contact handlers answering non-emergency telephone calls.</p>	<p>PCC</p>	<p>There were a total of 37 police staff leavers from the Force Contact Command and Control Department (FCCCD) between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019.</p> <p>Of those leaving the FCCCD during this rolling year period, 20 of these individuals were Contact Handlers.</p> <p>The FCCCD currently has an establishment of 435.04 FTE* police officers and staff and strength of 444.64 FTE police officers and staff, as at 30 July 2019. This equates to 9.60 FTE officers and staff over establishment, as set out in the table below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1220 619 2078 786"> <thead> <tr> <th>Employee Type</th> <th>Establishment (FTE)</th> <th>Strength (FTE)</th> <th>Variance (FTE)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Police Officer</td> <td>50.00</td> <td>49.45</td> <td>- 0.55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Police Staff</td> <td>385.04</td> <td>395.19</td> <td>+ 10.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>435.04</td> <td>444.64</td> <td>+ 9.60</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>* FTE = Full Time Equivalent is based on 40 hours a week for police officers and 37 hours a week for police staff. This does not equate to headcount.</p> <p>COMPLETED.</p>	Employee Type	Establishment (FTE)	Strength (FTE)	Variance (FTE)	Police Officer	50.00	49.45	- 0.55	Police Staff	385.04	395.19	+ 10.15	Total	435.04	444.64	+ 9.60
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