

**PUBLIC PROTECTION AND SAFETY POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00 pm on 29 March 2017

Present:

Councillor Alexa Michael (Chairman)
Councillor Chris Pierce (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Kim Botting FRSA, David Cartwright QFSM,
Hannah Gray, Will Harmer, Tom Philpott and
Richard Williams

Katie Bacon and Terry Belcher

Also Present:

Nigel Davies, Chris Hafford, Paul Lehane, Councillor Kate Lymer and Jim McGowan, Benjamin McGowan, Danie Gordon, Jacob Evers, Emily Warnham, Sean Gardner, Feizal Mohubally, Michael Holland and Professor Tom Fahy.

STANDARD ITEMS

**134 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF
SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

Councillor Kate Lymer apologised for having to leave the meeting early.

Apologies were received from Alfred Kennedy, Kamla Joshi, Councillor Mary Cooke and Dr Robert Hadley.

135 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**136 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN OR COMMITTEE FROM
COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

No questions were received.

**137 MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC PROTECTION AND SAFETY PDS
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18th JANUARY 2017**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2017 be agreed.

138 MATTERS ARISING

CSD 17034

The Executive Director for Environmental and Community Services updated the Committee concerning the provision and location of defibrillators.

The replacement for Chief Inspector David Tait was confirmed as Acting Chief Inspector Clair Haines.

The Borough Commander stated that he was aware of gangs coming into Bromley, with an associated increase in knife crime; he was not aware of individuals being 'bashed over the head'.

The Borough Commander had not tasked anyone with looking into the number of open police cases, but highlighted that the police dealt with roughly 21,000 cases per annum.

With respect to the matter arising concerning Resilience, it was noted that the Committee would be updated concerning this when the Portfolio Holder gave her Portfolio Holder update.

It was noted that agenda item 10c was the Gateway report which detailed the procurement strategy for the LBB CCTV Service.

RESOLVED that the Matters Arising report be noted.

139 CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

The Committee noted that the Chairman had attended a public meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Board at Bromley College on 23rd February. She reported that the Police were planning to hold targeted clean-up days in areas where there were large amounts of enviro and other crimes. The Chairman also attended the Safer Neighbourhood Board meeting on 27th February 2017.

140 POLICE UPDATE

The Police update was provided by the Borough Police Commander, Chris Hafford.

The Committee was briefed on the impact caused by the recent terrorist incident at Westminster. Bromley police officers were sent to Westminster after the event, and many had been required to work 23 or 24 hour shifts. Others were then required to work 12 hour shifts for 5 days. The situation was beginning to normalise, and a local patrol strategy was being developed. A memorial event had been held on the day of the Committee meeting. There

had been a slight increase in hate crime subsequent to the incident –this had taken the form of Islamophobia.

The new MET Commissioner (Cressida Dick) was expected to be in post by the end of April.

As far as the proposed new BCU (Borough Command Unit) model was concerned, the details had still not been finalised. It had previously been suggested that LBB would link with Croydon. There had been a suggestion that this may be changed to Lewisham, but nothing had been agreed.

All Police forces in London had experienced an increase in the number of TNOs (Total Number of Notifiable Offences). In Bromley (over a rolling 21 month period) the number of TNO offences had increased from 21, 143 to 21, 244. The Borough Commander informed that local priorities would focus on Safeguarding, VAWG, non-domestic VWI, and burglary.

The Committee were updated with the following performance updates:

- Residential burglary - 1601 to 1513 R12 = -5.3%
- Personal robbery – 316 to 377 = +19%
- Theft from the person – 297 to 365 = +22.9%
- Domestic VWI – 779 to 810 = +4%
- Non-Dom VWI – 1257 to 1369 = +8.9%

(VWI is Violence with Injury)

In the rolling 12 month period, ASB offences had increased from 6101 to 7005. There had been an increase in instances of pickpocketing in Bromley and Orpington; many of these offences were young people stealing from the elderly. There had also been an increase in young people entering Bromley from Lewisham to commit robbery offences.

With respect to call handling, 88.5% of the most urgent 999 calls were responded to within 15 minutes. The less urgent emergency calls (S calls) were responded to within the 60 minute time frame in 83% of cases.

The Borough Commander mentioned DWOs (District Ward Officers) and stated that 14 wards now had 2 DWOs assigned to them. Every ward had an officer assigned, and the aim was that eventually every ward would have two DWOs.

The Chairman asked why there had been an increase in crime levels. The Borough Commander responded that dealing with safeguarding issues was taking time, and had resulted in a decrease in the number of patrols. He felt that there was a need for a more rapid rollout of mobile technology for police officers. There had also been an increase in the number of children reported as missing, and more incidents generally were being reported. The MET were hoping that going forward more reporting of crime would be done over the phone and online.

The Borough Commander referenced the twin issues of an increased uptake in armed police officers and officers dealing with cyber-crime and fraud. These were issues that would also affect the number of officers that could be engaged on patrol duties and other crimes.

The Deputy Chairman raised concerns about the Mayor's crime priorities. He believed that the Mayor's chosen priority areas affected relatively few people and that crimes that concerned people in Bromley, such as burglary, would not be given the necessary attention.

A member advised that in addition to the police officer that had been killed in the Westminster attack (Keith Palmer), another police officer had been paralysed. The member enquired if funds were being requested in relation to this officer also, and the Borough Commander confirmed that this was the case.

A member raised the matter of a charging point for body worn cameras in West Wickham, stating that he had been previously advised by the police that the charging point was due to be installed shortly. The Borough Commander stated that he would look into this.

A Member referred back to the mention of a possible BCU pairing with Lewisham. He expressed the view that Lewisham had a high level of crime and the fact that LBB could be paired with Lewisham was concerning. He was worried that LBB may lose police resources if this merger went ahead. The Borough Commander responded that all mergers were risky, and that it was difficult to say if LBB would lose resources if the pairing took place.

The Borough Commander pointed out that Bromley Police was tied into a contract for the building that was now being used as the Bromley police headquarters in Bromley South. The positive news from this was that whatever changes may take place in the future, Bromley police were likely to continue to use the same building.

The Chairman also expressed some concerns around the Mayor's new crime priorities for Bromley, and commented that there was no mention of offences connected to drugs which were related to many crimes. The Chairman speculated about the proposed new BCU structure and was of the view that the best match for LBB would be Bexley.

A member asked what the main areas were with respect to reported youth crime. The Borough Commander responded that the main areas were:

- Knife point robberies
- Theft of motor bikes
- Low level drug use

The Borough Commander agreed to arrange communication between the police gang's team, and the BYC Chairman-Katie Bacon.

The Vice Chairman noted the previous comments concerning a proposed BCU amalgamation with Lewisham, and stated that he was in favour of this as there was a free flow of people between the two boroughs. The Borough Commander noted that previously, LBB and LB Lewisham were both P1 units and that Bromley was geographical closer to Lewisham.

A Member expressed the view that the least favourable BCU pairing for LBB would be to join with Croydon due to the high number of shootings in the borough, combined with its extensive geography.

A Member stated that her 14 year old child had recently been threatened at knifepoint at the McDonalds restaurant on the Wickham Road, West Wickham. The Police were called and she praised the quick response and arrest by the Police.

RESOLVED that the Police updated be noted.

HOLDING THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER TO ACCOUNT

141 QUESTIONS TO THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS.

No questions were received.

142 PORTFOLIO HOLDER UPDATE

Councillor Kate Lymer provided the Portfolio Holder update.

Minute 128 referenced in the Matters Arising report required a Portfolio Holder update concerning action needed to plug the gap in the Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Team.

A graduate intern was commencing work in April for 6 months. The graduate would work three days per week supporting the ongoing work around Business Continuity.

The Corporate Safety Advisor post was 0.6 fte and was currently vacant. It was hoped to extend this role to five days per week; the additional two days would be dedicated to emergency planning and business continuity. A job specification was being written for this, and the proposal was being evaluated by HR. If the proposal can be funded recruitment would proceed.

A request was being made for an additional £40k for a full time support post to support both the work of Laurie Grasty in Resilience and the new Corporate Safety/Business Continuity split role.

There was no capacity in the existing budgets for either of these roles, however it was confirmed to the Executive Director of Environmental Services

by the Chief Executive that the additional funding required would be found corporately. The Portfolio Holder stated that it would be useful if Members present could agree that the additional income from the licensing advice fees and food hygiene re-scores fees could be used to contribute.

Recruitment was also underway for a graduate intern to assist with the commissioning of the stray dogs and CCTV contracts.

A meeting had been held in February with Sophie Linden (Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime) to discuss the Mayor's Policing and Crime Plan. She met with the Leader, Portfolio Holder, the Deputy Borough Police Commander and the Executive Director for Environmental and Community Services.

LBB stated that it would like some emphasis on crimes against the elderly - and also more reference to burglary, anti-social behaviour and traffic enforcement around speeding and mobile phone use. This feedback proved ineffective and the Crime Plan was not changed.

Part of the meeting was to agree LBB's locally set police targets. LBB was allowed to choose two for the next year. These could be reviewed and changed annually. The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime had recommended that LBB's two priorities be theft from shops and common assault. LBB disagreed with this as although the percentage increase for common assault was one of the highest, the actual number of common assault incidences in Bromley was small.

Regarding theft from shops LBB disagreed with this as it would result in a large amount of police resource being focussed in one location - i.e. Bromley Town Centre, at the expense of the rest of the Borough.

LBB proposed that that burglary and non-domestic violence with injury be allocated as the two local priorities. These proposals were accepted as Bromley's two local priorities.

The Portfolio Holder informed the Committee that she had recently attended a high level group meeting at London Councils with Sophie Linden, to discuss, shape and understand the co-commissioning pot of funds process. The Group made known to Ms Linden that they were opposed to the plans, and that the timescales outlined in the proposals were not achievable.

In the pre-meeting, MOPAC had provided a document with suggestions of the type of funding programmes boroughs should co-commission: these were female offending, youth offending and an offender health service. The Portfolio Holder explained that LBB did not fund any of these using MOPAC money, so those suggestions were irrelevant to Bromley. It was explained that LBB undertook VAWG programmes. Ms Linden agreed to add VAWG to their list of suggested priorities. She also agreed to add in crimes against the elderly and burglary.

The Portfolio Holder was informed that MOPAC would expect bids to include match funding. There would be another meeting in May where issues would hopefully become clearer. The Head of Trading Standards and Community Safety had been meeting with other boroughs to discuss what projects could be undertaken collaboratively.

A Member suggested that it may be a good idea in the future if LBB's GLA representative attended the meetings, and that questions may need to be raised at a scrutiny committee meeting. The Chairman expressed concern that Inner London may be getting the most funding, and that the Mayor had to represent all of London and not just zone 1.

A Member suggested that SNBs (Safer Neighbourhood Boards) would be made stronger under Sophie Linden, and that it was significant that Bromley's SNB was the only SNB to be represented at the London Council's meeting.

It was noted that the FSA (Food Standards Agency) would be conducting an audit in LBB on April 27th.

A Member queried the contracts highlighted in 'red' on the Contracts Register- these were the contracts dependant on MOPAC funding. It was noted that the register was slightly out of date and that as the contracts had been extended they were no longer in the 'red' risk category. However this could change going forward if the funding issues were not resolved.

RESOLVED that the Portfolio Holder update be noted.

143 BUDGET MONITORING

FSD 17030

The Committee noted the Budget Monitoring report for 2016/17.

RESOLVED that the Portfolio Holder endorse the latest 2016/17 budget projection for the Public Protection and Safety Portfolio.

a CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - 3RD QUARTER 2016/17 & ANNUAL CAPITAL REVIEW 2017 TO 2021

FSD 17023

The Committee noted the Capital Programme Monitoring report (3rd quarter 2016/17) and the Annual Capital Review.

RESOLVED that the Portfolio Holder confirm the changes agreed by the Executive on 8th February 2017.

**b GATEWAY 0 REPORT: PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR
LBB CCTV SERVICE**

ES 17020

This report was written by Jim McGowan, Head of Environmental Protection.

The report was written as the current location of the CCTV control room was in the St. Blaise building. As this building was due for demolition, there was a need to find an alternative location or an alternative model of service delivery commissioned. The report outlined the strategy for the continuation of the CCTV Service and sought approval to commence the process of market testing the service.

This was a report that was for scrutiny by the Committee, prior to a decision being made by the Executive.

The Chairman stated that she was pleased that the CCTV service was continuing.

Mr McGowan outlined the three options that were being considered:

- Relocation of the CCTV control room to another location locally
- Partnering with another local authority or other public sector organisation
- Outsourcing the service to a third party provider

A Member expressed concern around the potential time and cost involved in going through a tender process and then possibly not agreeing a tenderer at the end. The Director for Environment responded that the OJEU process should be straightforward, and that some soft market testing could be undertaken. The Member agreed that soft market testing would be good. Mr McGowan stated that the main aim was to achieve VFM (Value for Money).

The Chairman noted the importance of VFM, but stated that it was crucial that LBB retain control of images. Mr McGowan provided assurances that regardless of which option was chosen, LBB would retain control over the images.

A Member asked Mr McGowan which option he preferred. Mr McGowan felt that the most straightforward logistical option was to move into another Council building. This may not however be the cheapest option.

The Director for Environment advised that it may be prudent to issue a 'Pin Notice'. In this way LBB could invite interested parties in for talks, and may also benefit from getting feedback concerning price.

A Member noted that in the telecoms industry there was a move away from cables. He also suggested that LBB avoid a long term contract as new technologies like 5G were coming. Mr McGowan stated that LBB owned its own fibre cables. LBB used 3G wireless technology as there was plenty of free bandwidth, and the picture quality was good.

The Vice Chairman speculated if it would be possible to include the CCTV room in the new development. Mr McGowan responded that he would talk to LBB Property to assess if this was an option. The Executive Director for Environmental and Community Services underlined that such an option would undermine the capital value of the site.

The Chairman asked for an update report to be provided to the Committee in either September or November 2017.

RESOLVED

(1) that an update report concerning the CCTV Procurement Strategy be presented to the PDS Committee in either September or November 2017

(2) that Mr McGowan contact LBB Property to investigate the possibility of the CCTV room being incorporated into the new development

(3) that the strategy for the continued delivery of the CCTV service including the market testing of the CCTV functions, and the exploration of alternative commissioning options be agreed

(4) that the Executive receive a further report outlining the results of the commissioning process with a recommendation for the optimum service delivery model

Post Meeting Note:

Mr McGowan has since been in communication with LBB Property with reference to Resolution 2. Property have confirmed that the whole of the St Blaise site will be demolished, and that therefore it is not an option that the CCTV room be incorporated into the new development.

c CHARGING FOR FOOD HYGIENE RATING RESCORE VISITS

ES 17025

This report was presented to the Committee by Paul Lehane Head of Food, Safety & Licensing to propose the introduction of a fee to recover the costs associated with undertaking non statutory Food Hygiene Rating re-score visits to food businesses.

The report recommended that the Portfolio Holder agree the fee of £165.00 for Food Hygiene Ratings re-score visits with effect from 1st April 2017.

It was noted that the food hygiene rating scheme permitted a food business to apply for a re-score 3 months after the initial application. LBB could not charge for the initial inspection as this was a statutory responsibility, but following a review by the FSA, LBB could now make a charge for the time involved in a re-score application.

RESOLVED that the Portfolio Holder agree the charge of £165.00 for Food Hygiene Ratings re-score visits from 1st April 2017.

d PREVENT STRATEGY/CHANNEL REFERRAL PROCESS

ES 17027

The Prevent Strategy/Channel Referral Process report was written by Mr Rob Vale, Head of Trading Standards and Community Safety

The report outlines the Council's approach to comply with the Prevent Duty, and the steps taken by the Council to fulfil that duty.

The Committee noted and endorsed the report.

RESOLVED that the Portfolio Holder approve the Prevent Strategy and supported the approach being taken.

e PRE-APPLICATION ADVICE SERVICE FOR LICENSING

ES17024

The report was presented by Mr Paul Lehane, Head of Food Safety, Occupational Safety and Licensing. The purpose of the report was to propose the introduction of fees to recover the costs associated with the provision of a licensing pre-application advice service.

Three services were proposed:

- A check and send service with a proposed fee of £40.00
- A pre-application advice service with a proposed fee of £71.00
- A Full application service with a proposed fee of £168.00

It was believed that Sections 1 and 3 of the Localism Act 2011 conferred a power to local authorities to charge for services in these circumstances.

The Portfolio Holder requested that income from licensing be used to support the Emergency Planning budget. A member stated that he was happy with the report, but was not happy with the principle of ring fencing budgets. He also requested clarification of the legal position concerning charging for providing advice. He also expressed concern about charging for an advisory service, if the applicant's request was subsequently rejected.

Mr Lehane responded that LBB would be disclaiming legal responsibility, and that the Planning Department provided a similar service. The service would ensure that a good application was submitted, but the success of the application could not be guaranteed.

However, he would seek further clarification from the Director of Corporate Services. It was explained that only new applications would incur a charge; the implementation date would be 1st April 2017.

RESOLVED (subject to ratification from Legal) that the Portfolio Holder agree the introduction of fees for pre-application advice for licence hearings.

Post Meeting Note:

Clarification concerning the legal position has been received from the legal department, and the decision will proceed as planned.

144 PRESENTATION FROM BROMLEY YOUTH COUNCIL

Danie Gordon (LBB Youth Engagement Officer) attended the meeting to support the BYC representatives that were presenting. The BYC representatives in attendance were Benjamin McGowan, Katie Bacon, Jacob Eyers, Emily Warnham and Sean Gardner.

BYC presented a manifesto document which focused on the following two priorities:

- Young People's Wellbeing
- Personal Safety

Young people were expressing concerns about mental health in areas such as stress, depression and peer pressure. Young people also raised concerns around the pressure that they felt from schools and academies to achieve academically. Concerns were also expressed concerning the negative impact of social media.

BYC had produced a young people's survival guide for mental health, and this was being distributed around schools.

Young people had identified that there was a need to understand how to stay safe when using the internet and social media. They had also identified issues around peer pressure that led to young people engaging in the use of illegal drugs/alcohol, joining gangs and becoming involved in criminal activities, carrying weapons and engaging in inappropriate relationships.

Young people were also interested in how schools and the Police could work together to educate and inform young people of services available, and what action young people could take to stay personally safe.

It was noted BYC had produced three personal safety videos which were viewable on 'You Tube'. The web links to the videos had previously been emailed to Committee members. Ms Gordon confirmed that presentations on personal safety would be taken into those schools where a BYC representative was present. Other schools would be emailed the links, and the schools would be asked for feedback. The Chairman suggested that the BYC personal safety campaigns be disseminated to youth clubs, leisure centres, on the sides of buses and in libraries. A member stated that she would like to be informed of any schools that said they were not interested in receiving the information, and why.

A Co-opted Member asked the young people what advice BYC would give to young people being bullied on social media. Katie Bacon advised that:

- Preventative measures were advisable
- Young people should only accept and befriend people they already knew
- Young people should talk to a trusted person if required
- Look at the online safety video and they associated links

The Committee were informed that next year BYC would be focusing on Crime and gang culture.

A member enquired how BYC were funded. It emerged that some funding was provided via MOPAC, and some funding was provided via fundraising and sponsorship.

145 UPDATE FROM SLaM

Representing Bethlem Royal Hospital were Feizal Mohubally, Michael Holland, and Professor Thomas Fahy. They provided an update on incidents and issues at the Bethlem Royal Hospital.

The Committee were briefed that last year SLaM appointed world-leading healthcare experts, the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) and US healthcare provider Intermountain Healthcare, to deliver a three-year programme of work that would support staff to introduce improvements aimed at driving up the quality of patient care. Work had begun to create a new improvement culture across the Trust, with more integrated, standardised and stream-lined services where feedback would lead directly to continuous improvements to patient care.

The National Adult Outpatient Neurodevelopmental Clinic at Bethlem Royal Hospital had won the Award for Outstanding Health Services at the National Autistic Society's prestigious Autism Professionals Awards. The team was shortlisted by an independent panel of ten autism experts. The clinic provided diagnostic assessments for autism, ADHD and a range of other conditions and gave bespoke recommendations for post-diagnostic support. They had a specialist team including doctors, nurses, psychologists, neurodevelopmental

specialists, managers and administrators and recently received an 'Outstanding' rating from the Care Quality Commission.

The Committee were informed that the inquest into the tragic death of Mr. Olaseni Lewis had commenced on the 6th February 2017. Mr Lewis died on 4 September 2010.

In Spring 2016 SLaM opened a Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at Bethlem Royal Hospital. This was a 10 bedded unit that provided care for men aged 18-65, who had severe and ongoing mental health problems. The service also facilitated short-stay intensive assessment and treatment for people with acute mental illness. The team was comprised of staff that included nurses, doctors, occupational therapist, psychologist and a pharmacist.

A partnership had been formed with Oxleas and South West London and St George's Trusts. The partnership was set up to share learning, expertise and innovation to help drive up quality across mental healthcare in south London. The partnership's main focus was to examine how efficiencies could be maximised to improve patient care across the three organisations where appropriate.

In May 2014 a documentary series 'Bedlam' was awarded a BAFTA television award. Since then, SLaM had been working with Channel 4 and Rare Day (a production company) on a project looking at forensic mental health filmed at River House, Bethlem Royal Hospital. The aim was to give members of the public a better understanding of what forensic mental health really meant, seen through the eyes of the patients and the staff who care for them.

The first programme was broadcast on Channel 4 on 29 November 2016 and was received positively by staff and stakeholder audiences, helping to break down widely-held prejudices surrounding mental illness. It was noted that the documentary 'Life on the Psych Ward' was due to be shown on Channel 4 on 11th April.

The Committee were updated concerning leave incidents at the Forensic Units. Bethlem had approximately 300 beds of which about a third had been provided for forensic patients in secure units. Public concern was usually focused on forensic inpatients who had escaped or absconded from the Bethlem Royal Hospital while detained in a medium secure unit. In the past year there had been no instances of patients from forensic services being found guilty of committing a crime whilst on leave in the local area.

In May 2016 a patient absconded in Croydon whilst on escorted leave for medical treatment at Croydon University Hospital. The individual was involved in an incident and was subsequently charged with a number of offences including attempted murder. Staff worked closely with the police and alerted the Bromley Public Protection Committee at the time of the incident, following the agreed protocol. A level 2 Trust-wide investigation was near completion.

There had been a number of incidents where patients on leave from the unit breached the terms of their leave - by staying out too long, or going further afield than agreed - or by absconding while off-site. All of these patients had been accounted for, including patients who breached the terms of their leave. Buddi tracking devices had been highly successful in locating patients that had breached their terms of leave.

There had been one escape from within the River House Unit since it opened in February 2008. This happened in 2015.

Professor Fahy gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled Forensic Psychiatry Services in the UK.

(Forensic psychiatry is a sub-specialty of psychiatry and is related to Criminology). It encompasses the interface between law and psychiatry. A forensic psychiatrist provides services – such as determination of competency to stand trial – to a court of law to facilitate the adjudicative process and provide treatment like medications and psychotherapy to criminals.)

It was noted that data showed that between 1997 and 2007 there had been a steady increase in the numbers of the forensic population.

A pyramid diagram showed that the organisation of Forensic Services in the UK consisted of 4 layers:

- High Secure Hospital
- Medium Secure Hospital
- Low Security Rehabilitation Wards and General Psychiatric Wards
- Community Forensic Psychiatry and Psychiatric Hostels

The Committee heard that referrals from Forensic Services could come from three sources:

- Transfers from Prisons
- Admission Ordered by a Court
- Transfer from general psychiatric services or from the community

A case study was presented concerning a person who had spent 11 years in a high secure unit after committing a series of violent offences and being diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia. He had made significant progress and was now rehabilitated with a stable family life.

A Member enquired why there had been an increase in the number of patients failing to return. Mr Mohubally answered that this was because the number of patients had increased and so had the number of patients taking leave. He pointed out that there were no related incidents associated with this.

A Member enquired who escorted patients when they were on leave, and it was confirmed that this would be the hospital nursing staff. Most patients were

discharged at some point but could be recalled if it seemed that the level of risk was increasing.

The Chairman asked what help is provided to patients when they leave Bethlem and live in the community. Professor Fahy responded that patients would need help to manage their finances, and would need help to integrate into either some form of education or work. Former patients found it very difficult to obtain paid work.

The Chairman queried why the number of incidents of mental health seemed to be increasing. Professor felt that part of the reason for this had been the use of former 'legal highs.' He particularly cited the use of 'Spice' which was often a cause of physical collapse and mental health issues.

146 WORK PROGRAMME AND CONTRACTS REGISTER

FSD 17035

The Committee noted the Work Programme and Contracts Register.

It was agreed that the new Work Programme would be formulated when the Chairman for the coming municipal year had been appointed.

The Chairman suggested that British Transport Police and the Ambulance Service be invited to present at a future meeting, and that BYC should come back in the future and present on their campaigns to do with Gangs and Identity. She also requested a future Risk Register agenda item on the Council Services relating to the Public Protection and Safety Portfolio i.e. what is the risk if these services are done badly or not at all.

147 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

148 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 29th 2017.

The Meeting ended at 9.40 pm

Chairman

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