

SPCB Actions and Further Lines of Enquiry

STRATEGIC POLICING AND CRIME BOARD 24th October 2023

Minute no.	SPCB Date	Agreed Action or Future Discussion
049/23	23/05/2023	WMP Change Programme: Once the Change Programme is complete and the final costs of the programme are know, the Chief Constable to report this back to SPCB – Update - this will remain outstanding as change programme is not complete.
051/23	23/05/2023	Performance Report: WMP is in the process of producing a homicide reduction plan to ensure a quick time review of a homicide and reduce the totality of homicides. This can be shared with SPCB members once available. Update – Report sent.
071/23	25/07/2023	Questions from Members: Chief Constable to identify what information is available on the subject of the cost of living crisis and women committing low level crimes as first-time offenders. Update - Shoplifting is the only offence we are seeing a significant increase in this year + 44% vs last year to date. June and July were the months where we have charged the most number of female suspects with this offence since connect went live. Caveat with this is we have a detection rate of 12% so the majority of offenders aren't identified so can't categorically say more women are committing shoplifting - just we are charging more females as absolute number. At this stage we cannot identify if these are first time offenders - this would take quite a significant time to check and even then the detail would be only for shoplifting as too broad to look at all low level crimes.
086/23	26/09/2023	Performance Update: The Chief Constable to provide information regarding the response volunteers that have been recruited to assist in tackling cybercrime. Update - The Economic Crime Unit are recruiting civilian volunteers to come into the department. They are not specifically being recruited for cyber crime but also for Fraud to support the protect work element of the work that they do.



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There are 3 adverts covering different roles:

- 1. Analytical Support This role is to support the work of the ECU department by carrying out analytical work to help better understand the data that comes in to the ECU but specially around our victims so that we can better support them and understand the fraud / cybercrime picture so we can target our work more effectively.
- 2. ECVCU Support Officer This role is to provide safeguarding support to victims of fraud / cybercrime and to assist us in expanding our reach.
- 3. Community Engagement This role is to attend events etc to spread the word around fraud / cybercrime to educate the public to prevent them becoming victims of fraud / cyber crime.

At present no one has been recruited.

For the Analyst Role we have had 9 applicants For the Community Engagement Role we have had 2 applicants For the ECVCU Support Role we have had 15 applicants

We are very pleased with the level of interest, candidates will be interviewed w/c 6th November dependant on candidates availability.

Onboarding will be dependant on the time vetting takes to complete.

There are a couple of notable candidates. In respect of the analyst role one applicant is a retired lecturer in statistics and another has worked in data analysis and has experience in Power BI.

Across the other 2 roles the applicants are mixed in their experience.