

Stockton Youth Offending Service

YOS Management Board
13th May 2008

Item No:4
Safer Stockton Partnership
10 June 2008

Present:

Mike Batty – Head of Community Protection, SBC (MB) (Chair)
Miriam Robertson – YOS Manager (MR)
Jane Bradley – Preventions Manager, YOS (JB)
Jean Bell – Court Legal Manager, Teesside Youth Court (JBE)
Julia Morrison – Head of School Effectiveness, SBC (JM)
Graham Liggitt – Operational Manager, YOS (GL)
Peter Lowe - Children's Society (PL)
Gary Gamesby – Chief Inspectors of Operations, Cleveland Police (GG)
Peter Seller – Head of C&YP Commissioning, SBC (PS)
Jane Humphreys – Head of Operations Children & Young People Services, SBC (JH)
Terry Frank – Integrated Youth Support Manager, SBC (TF)
Sheila Whitehead – Operations Manager, YOS (SW)

Kim Elliott – Admin Officer, YOS (Minutes) (KE)

Also in attendance:

Rachel Short (Senior Personal Advisor) (RS)

Apologies:

Jane Edmonds – Strategy and Renewals Manager, SBC (JE)
Tina Beckett – Assistant Director, Teesside Probation Service (TB)
Val Goodrum – Partnership Director – Stockton, LSC (VG)
Wallace Wilson – Regional Head YJB North East, YJB (WW)

Agenda Item 4 – Moved to Agenda Item 1 Education, Training and Employment Statistics

Presentation from Rachel Short, Senior Personal Advisor

Rachel Short presented on ETE Statistics. RS has been in post since January. ETE performance clinics are happening on a monthly basis. RS has introduced close partnership working with the Attendance Service and as part of RS's post RS spends half a day a week there. The YJB have recognised that poor ETE statics have a direct result on offending rates. The YJB target is for all under 16's to receive 25 hours a week education, post 16 is 16hours a week. RS is working closely with Case Managers to achieve this target. The government are looking at an initiative for compulsory learning that if passed will be introduced in 2013. RS then left the meeting.

Agenda Item 1 – Moved to Agenda item 2 Minutes of meeting held 22nd January 2008

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2008 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

- Children's Fund – Funding to continue for this year, a continuation, so same conditions apply. **Action: PS to find out if 25 % is allocated to Preventions, to be added to the agenda as a substantive item at the next meeting.**
- Inspection Improvement Plan – MR to discuss – Agenda item 5.
- ETE – SW and RS discussed – Agenda item 1
- Review of ISA / IYSS, impact on Preventions, to be moved to Spring 2009
- Community Empowerment Network – To be added to the agenda for July's meeting. PS is looking at a job description.

Emma Champley will be invited to the YOS management board as Sue Maddison's interim replacement, until new Modernisation Manager in post.

Agenda Item 2 – Moved to Agenda Item 3 **YOS Performance in 07/08 (MR)**

MR presented a paper on YOS performance in 07/08; areas for concern are FTE, based on initial findings this figure has increased this year. ETE is another area for concern. No definite recidivism figure as it currently stands.

Agenda Item 3 – Moved to Agenda Item 4 **YJB Planning and Performance Framework for 08/09 (MR)**

MR presented a paper YOS planning and performance 08/09, looking at the changes introduced by the YJB. The new Youth Justice Plan framework is designed to provide strategic information to YOS Management Board on the capacity and capability of both the YOS partnership and the service demonstrating exactly how the partnership will contribute to the principal aim of preventing offending. The recidivism figure for 07/08 is not yet available but initial findings indicate that this figure will have increased from the previous years.

All members agreed the following;

1. Note the changes to the planning and performance framework
2. Contribute to the self assessment and planning process for the Youth Justice Plan 08/09, via attendance at the Management Board event on 2nd June, or by considering the draft report when distributed to members.
3. Endorse the proposed local performance targets, set out in the paper.
4. Receive updates on performance.

Agenda Item 5 **Inspection Report and Improvement Action Plan (MR)**

The YOS Inspection Report was published on 9th April 2008. The YOS received 3 good's and 5 adequates. General theme of the report was that there were inconsistencies in the YOS. MR went through the key recommendations outlined in the Inspection Report. The plan has been

submitted to the Lead Inspector for approval. The YOS has already completed a number of the key recommendations.

Action: To agenda for July's meeting point 1.2 – the YOS Management Board (YOS MB) to review its membership and its terms of reference, including its performance management responsibilities. MB will conduct some attendance analysis from the last four YOS MB meetings. MB requested a list of posts which are seconded to the YOS from other agencies and how these are funded.

Point 10.3 in the Improvement plan is to nominate a strategic champion from the YOS Management Board to lead on ETE. Julia Morrison nominated for this role.

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First Time Entrants (FTE): What Others Areas Are Doing (AF and JB)

AF was unable to attend the meeting but a report had been submitted and distributed. AF reported on some research that he had undertaken looking at FTE and what other areas are doing. AF recognised the fact that the YJB and Police are working with conflicting targets. AF exploring a number of recommendations for the Young Offenders Case Disposal Policy.

1. Review of policy and deliver training to officers
2. Give advice to schools and children's homes / foster carers on those offences which we believe could be dealt with adequately by the relevant establishment without involving the Police at all.
3. Introduce a third tier disposal aimed at the most minor offences for those First Time Offenders. Gary Gamesby agreed to pursue this recommendation.

This led to a lot of discussion about how the Partnership can respond to the challenge of reducing FTE and managing conflicting FTE and OBTJ (Offences Brought to Justice) targets. Current analysis of FTE being done.

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Preventions Report (JB)

JB distributed a report on Preventions update. GG commented that he is encouraging Police Officers to refer to Preventions if applicable. Due to time constraints this report was tabled in depth and accepted by the Board.

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ISA / IYSS Update (TF and JH)

JH and TF gave a verbal update to the group. All managers have now been identified. There is one vacancy which is still to be recruited to in the specialised posts. Still need to recruit to two Targeted Managers Posts, the deadline for applications is 16th May and JH hopes to appoint to these by June.

Social Workers are opting for which teams they would like to be in.

From 1st July ISA Managers will take on full responsibilities for their areas. Sue Jackson will free up her role to concentrate on piloting Sarah's Law. ISA Panels – likely to be rolled out across all the patches, rather than the previously discussed phased approach.

IYSS is now live.

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JAR / Youth Service Inspection Report Update (JH)

JH gave a verbal update of the JAR and the Youth Service Inspections. The JAR report was published on 22nd April. Results from JAR feedback are good and Stockton is in the top 8 in the country. Main area for improvement was around inconsistencies in recording.

Youth Service – overall a good report. **Action: KE to send out with minutes the Youth Service and JAR reports.**

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Raising Expectations – Enabling the system to deliver (JM)

JM spoke to the group about a white paper that has been published entitled 'Raising expectations: enabling the system to deliver'. It is anticipated that this legislation will come into force in 2010. The main area of notice is section 3.46 entitled 'We will provide better for young people in Juvenile Custody. There are two proposals of funding. JM asked the group to give some thought to the paper and email MR with any feedback by 23rd May 2008. **Action: JM will be able to give an update at the next meeting.**

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Feedback from other meetings - all

None

AOB

None

Next Meeting: 13th July 2008 at 10:00am Bayheath House