

**YOS Management Board  
9<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

**Present:**

Mike Batty-	Head of Community Protection (Chair)
Miriam Robertson-	YOS Manager
Terry Frank-	Integrated Youth Support Services Manager
Jane Edmonds-	Housing Strategy and Development Manager
Tina Beckett-	Assistant Director, Teesside Probation Service
Peter Seller-	Head of C&YP Commissioning
Ted Allen-	Chief Inspector, Cleveland Police
Darren Coulter-	LSC, Partnership Manager- Stockton

Lindsey Knight- Administration Assistant (minutes)

**Apologies:**

Julie Morrison-	Head of School Effectiveness
Jane Humphreys-	Corporate Director (CESC)
Val Goodrum-	Partnership Director, LSC

**1. Youth Crime Action Plan presentation**

Jan McLaren attended the meeting to provide a presentation to the board on the triple track approach of what needs to be done to tackle youth crime and outlined how this will impact on practitioners.

TF commented that some of the thinking is unclear and some actions are reactive rather than intervening early.

MR highlighted that the plan has 3 elements; what's already happening, proposals and some actions awaiting guidance following consultation. The aim of the plan is to improve public confidence and has an emphasis on prevention.

TF stated that the plan is responding to publicity and there is a theme of bringing young people and families to accountability.

The board agreed that there needs to be clarification regarding the options in the event of breaching the parenting order. JMc stated that the breach procedures have been revised and the penalty is a level 3 fine of up to £1,000; there are currently 2 breach procedures pending. This is not in line with breach of parenting orders for non-attendance at school, and a feature of our response should be the need for consistency in this respect.

**Action: MR to incorporate this point in response to consultation.**

There was a discussion regarding the universal use of curfew orders; MB commented that it is a blunt instrument as it punishes young people due to the behaviour of a minority.

One of the themes is community consultation of reparation schemes and it was suggested that this could be achieved via SCRAGA.

**Action: MR**

This led to a discussion regarding voluntary sector provider and community representation on the board. MR referred to the previous minutes and highlighted that the board agreed that community representation was not relevant. The board agreed that the voluntary sector representation should be re-invigorated.

**Action: PS to trigger process for voluntary sector election on the board.**

## **2. Update on what's happening locally re YCAP funding**

TF advised that there is up to £700,000 available over the next two years (2009/11) to deliver tailored packages of intervention to address the 7 strands from the YCAP.

- The use of child protection legislation to remove young people from the streets at night.
- Street-based teams to tackle crime and disorder.
- Increase after school police patrols to tackle anti-social behaviour and disorder.
- Youth Offending Team workers in police custody suites to assess young offenders and direct to appropriate services at the earliest opportunity.
- Expand YOT reparation schemes during their leisure times to make young offenders feel the consequences of their actions.
- Develop Family Intervention Project.
- Implementation of 'Think Family' reforms.

Stockton has been allocated additional resources in 08/09; £65,000 to develop street based teams and after school patrols, and £25,000 to deliver positive activities on a weekend.

TF stated that 50% of the 2 year funding needs to contribute to the development of FIP's and Think Family. JE advised that FIP's exist locally (Middlesbrough/Redcar) although they are funded differently but their evaluation models could be shared with Stockton.

The proposal will be signed off today and needs to be submitted tomorrow.

PS expressed concern regarding the process and tight timescales. TF stated that the timescales for the 2 year proposal have not been released but a group will be implemented to contribute.

**Action: LK to circulate proposal with minutes.**

### **3. YOS response to YCAP consultation**

The YOS Management Board was brought forward to ensure the YOS could contribute to the YCAP consultation; responses are needed by 17.10.08. MR drafted responses and presented them to the board to promote discussion and for agreement.

**Action: MR to amend and submit.**

### **4. Minutes of meeting held 1.7.08**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1.7.08 were agreed as an accurate record.

### **5. Matters Arising**

- MR is attending the divisional team managers meeting to review protocols with Social Care.

The contingency arrangements to be written into service level agreements for seconded staff in Social Care and Education. It was confirmed that the arrangements are already in place with the Police SLA.

- The YOS Management Board terms of reference has been updated.
- Children's Fund- funding is there for 3 years (£600,000) within the area based grant and is no longer ring-fenced. The CTMT committed to 2008/09 funding and all Children's Fund contracts are being reviewed. MB expressed his view that the YOS Management Board should contribute.

**Action: Proposals to be circulated to board for comment.**

### **6. Improvement Action Plan**

MR presented a progress update on IAP.

Page 2, 4.3- awaiting dates for Level 2 MAPPA training.

**Action: TB to advise.**

Page 4, 5.2- change responsible officer to Tanya Evans.

Page 9, 9.1- amend timescale to December 2008.

MB suggested that any completed recommendations be extracted, or changes highlighted, for the next review.

### **7. Budget**

MR presented the budget report to the board, which outlined the workload analysis, projected budget for 2009/10 and consequent impact on performance. The report presented two scenarios for consideration by the board.

The LPSA funding is no longer available; PS asked about the reward element of the funding due to targets being achieved, however this has been fed into the corporate pot. MB informed the board of some vague discussions regarding similar monies in LAA; however nothing has been confirmed by the government. The First Time Entrants target impacts on LAA, therefore it was agreed that the issue should be taken to the LPSA Board.

MB advised that the usual breakdown for contributions is as follows: -

50% Social Care  
10% Education  
10% PCT  
10% Police  
20% Probation

MB commented that the Probation contribution has previously defaulted to the local authority.

MB noted that there are no new developments and the budget pressures are a result of an increase in demand for an existing service.

MR commented that there has been no guidance from the YJB.

TB explained that Probation have to make 15% savings over the next 3 years, but agreed to take the proposal to the management team.

PS stated that funding within the PCT is short term. He agreed to take the request to the board but noted they may raise some questions.

**Action: TB & PS.**

The following recommendations were agreed by the board: -

- Scenario 2 is the preferred outcome.
- MR, MB and TF have a budget meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> October, interim feedback from PCT, Police and Probation.

## **8. Performance**

MR reported that performance overall is positive.

Education, Training & Employment- currently just under the 90% target for statutory school age young people. There is an ongoing challenge for post 16 young people, although many strategies are being implemented to address this. The performance is monitored via the monthly ETE clinic. Jane Bradley

and Dave Willingham have been invited onto the group to assist with problem solving.

TF advised of a new ESF co-financing project which is 50% in-house and 50% commissioned, which aims for employment outcomes and supported employment.

First Time Entrants- there has been a significant sustained decrease. The figures for April and May were high but there has been a reduction in the months following. It was commented that the messages regarding conflict between FTE and OBTJ have been heard.

TA advised that changes were implemented in May, with a focus on improving public satisfaction rather than chasing figures.

Recidivism- this is now reported on quarterly rather than annually. The members of the performance clinic have agreed to re-invigorate the deter element to target re-offenders.

Secure Remands- these were for serious offences.

DTO- this was planned 1 day outside of the national standard target to ensure case manager attendance due to annual leave.

## **9. YOS Managers Report**

Staffing- MR updated regarding staff leaving and starting the service. PS suggested that the parenting vacancy is to be discussed with Clare Walsh.

YJ Plan- Linda Bush visited the YOS on 8.10.08 to conduct a validation exercise following the submission of the Youth Justice Plan. The initial feedback is positive; Linda commented that it was the best casefile review to date. There is a 4 level rating system on capability and capacity to deliver the plan; results will be given by 29.10.08. MR noted that the resource pressures for 2009/10 will not impact on the result, as it is based on 08/09.

HMI Joint Inspection- there is a new emphasis on the inspection regime. YOS inspections will be more frequent and focused on service delivery.

Serious Reviews- the 3 young women were involved with a variety of services. The reviews are being completed in line with the National YJB Framework. It was agreed that the board needs feedback on the review outcomes at the next meeting.

**Action: MR**

Safe and Secure in Custody- there was a good presence from Stockton. A working group will be developed; it was suggested that Pauline Beall be invited to attend the next YOS Management Board. It was agreed that an update be given at the next board meeting.

**Action: MR**

Scaled Approach- supervision will be risk led in terms of re-offending/risk; this may result in a slight increase in workload. TB advised that the tier led approach to supervision is a big issue in terms of culture change.

### **10. ISA/IYSS Update**

A paper was submitted to the Children's Trust Board last week; this will be circulated with the minutes to update the board. The ISA managers are taking over line management responsibilities on 1.10.08.

TF advised that IYSS has been evolving since April 2008. There is a corporate review of accommodation in November. There are plans for further development of Youth Cafés in the Borough. Process mapping is ongoing which is linked to CAF and Lead Professional. The development of the ISA panels is ongoing.

### **11. Warrants on young people**

TB raised the issue regarding the 35 day target for execution of warrants. There was a recent incident whereby a young person had crossed the England/Scotland border and the Police were unable to execute the warrant and return him as he was not deemed high risk. MR reported that the young person was encouraged to return to answer the warrant, with success.

**Action: MR and TB to discuss further outside meeting.**

### **12. Any Other Business**

a) Safer Schools Partnership- PS raised this item for clarity; TA stated that this initiative was not going ahead as the schools were not interested or were unaware that they were on the list. The local Police and PCSO's have good links with the schools.

b) Prevent Agenda- there is a toolkit meeting planned next week; PS will discuss with Julia Morrison and Head teachers. TA highlighted a recent incident whereby a head teacher was uncooperative in relation to a breach by a prolific offender.

### **Next Meeting**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2009, 10am – 12 noon  
Conference Room, YOS Office, Bayheath House