

**14<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

**Present:**

Mike Batty	Head of Community Protection (Chair)
Shaun McLurg	Assistant Director/Head of Service, Children and Young People's Operational Services
Miriam Robertson	YOS Manager
Terry Frank	Integrated Youth Support Services Manager
Jean Bell	HMCS Magistrates Court
Darren Coulton	LSC, Partnership Manager, Stockton
Julia Morrison	Assistant Director/Head of Service – Children, Schools and Complex Needs
Kay Nicolson	Teesside Probation Service (on behalf of Tina Beckett)
Marie Kerr	Citizens Advice Bureau (on behalf of Mike Robinson)
Sheila Whitehead	Youth Support Team Manager
Debbie Cooper	Senior Support Advisor, Youth Justice Board
Jenna Ditchburn	Admin Officer, Youth Offending Team (Minutes)

**Apologies:**

Peter Seller	Head of Children and Young People's Strategy (LA) / Assistant Director of Commissioning (PCT)
Tina Beckett	Assistant Director, National Probation Service - Teesside
Stephen Young	Cleveland Police (on behalf of Ted Allen)
Lyn Burns	Interim Head of Service / Assistant Director, Children and Young People's Operational Services
Jane Edmends	Housing Strategy & Development Manager
Ted Allen	Chief Inspector, Cleveland Police
Mike Robinson	Benefits Manager, Citizens Advice Bureau

**1. Presentation: "The Scaled Approach & Youth Rehabilitation Order"**

Debbie Cooper and Sheila Whitehead did a PowerPoint presentation, to provide a strategic overview of how the Youth Rehabilitation Order and Scaled Approach will affect service provision.

The YRO will be implemented on 30.11.09, as long as the National Standards are signed off.

MB suggested a mapping exercise be completed around the 18 requirements, to check which ones are in place.

SW advised that there is a comprehensive plan of activities in place, such as development days and training events for volunteers (17 trained recently).

Debbie requested that the Board consider holding a Stakeholder Briefing Event, which will go into each element of the YRO. The Board agreed.

**ACTIONS: DC to send the Board a copy of the presentation electronically.  
MR is to go ahead with the Stakeholder Event.  
SW is to complete a mapping exercise around the 18 requirements.**

## **2. Minutes & Matters Arising**

Minutes of meeting held on 28.04.09 were agreed as a true and accurate record. All actions complete.

MR provided an LDD analysis of First Time Entrant figures for 08/09.

## **3. Validation Feedback from YJB**

MR went through the Youth Justice Planning Framework Progress Update 2009/10 document and requested the Board ratify and consider the response.

The DCSF have changed the way NI111 (First Time Entrants) is measured, so we need to wait for PNC data exchange. Nonetheless, using the old counting rules, First Time Entrants has decreased in 08/09 by almost 20%.

NI43 (convicted young people sentenced to custody) is below target.

NI44 (ethnic composition of young offenders) can now be measured and there are no disproportional issues highlighted.

NI45 (engagement in suitable education, training or employment) was 88.1% last year, which was a 12% increase on performance from the previous year.

In summary, the Board considered that validation feedback accurately textualises performance overall. As stated in the evidence of progress, Case Management capacity has improved since the initial validation.

The Board noted the positive feedback and ratified the draft validation report.

## **4. Youth Justice Plan 09/10**

MR presented the updated Plan for ratification.

MR requested that the Board ratify this years plan and endorse the proposed strap line and slogan for the YOS "Tackling Offending through Confidence, Challenge and Change" and "If you want your future to be bright, do what's right"; both being winning entries in a slogan competition, engaging staff and service users.

The Board approved the Plan, which they feel was well written and the slogan and strap line were certified. MR thanked everyone who contributed to its drafting.

## **5. YOS Inspection**

MR went through her report to the Board with regards to the YOS Inspection 2009. The Core Case Inspection of Stockton on Tees YOS is scheduled for week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009. It will be led by HMI Probation and the lead inspector is Joe Simpson. As before, it will be a joint inspection comprised of the different inspectorates, although we are not expecting that they will all make visits to Stockton on Tees. Earlier in 2009, HMIP revised their inspection processes so this inspection experience will be different from the one in 2007. There are now two elements to the new programme from 2009-2012; Core Case Inspection and Thematic Inspection.

The inspectors are scheduled to provide us feedback week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> October (maybe 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>).

The Improvement Action Plan from the last inspection is now complete and MR provided an update. The Board agreed its completion, so this can be signed off.

The YOS Inspection 2009 Action Plan was presented by MR; however, we need to get clear linkage throughout the Integrated Service Areas and require appropriate representation for the working group.

SMc stated that he read the last inspection report and there seems to be a theme about quality assurance. SMc enquired whether we can be assured that if a file is picked up, will it be evidenced that the manager has had oversight? MR highlighted that the new QA framework and managers oversight is recorded on the database.

**ACTION: SMc & TF are to seek representation from the ISA's.**

TF advised that the Targeted Youth Support Next Steps document has just come out and the ISA Reps workshop is next week.

MB requested a stock take of Preventions activities outside of YOS, to be reported back at the next Management Board meeting.

**ACTION: SMc & TF are to meet to discuss this.**

## **6. Budget 09/10**

MR provided the Board with a report on the YOS Budget. MB highlighted that where it states 'Other' on the income section this relates to YOS and the Children's Fund. Peter Seller is to provide an update at the next meeting.

**ACTION: Budget ratified and PS is to provide an update at the next meeting on the Childrens Fund.**

## **7. Youth Crime Action Plan Update**

TF informed the Board of the Integrated Youth Support systems that are in place to get young people off the streets:

The street based teams of wardens are out and engaging with young people. Contracts are in place with the voluntary sector providers. Data received from the police indicates that there has been a 10% reduction in anti-social behaviour calls.

There is a Family Intervention Project Coordinator based at Connexions and Tees Valley Housing have been contracted to deliver this service; however, we are just waiting on the CRB forms to be returned. They are receiving referrals from the YISP and it is expected that they will be working with 12-15 families by September.

Reparation – Dave Walker has done a presentation on the cycle restoration project. Cycles will be donated by the Police and the young people will restore them – the young people will get to keep one and any additional cycles will be donated via Skinnergate Cycles to the Cycles for Africa Project and Abbey Hill School (for cycle proficiency lessons).

YOT Workers in custody suites – this is due to commence in September; progress being slower than anticipated. TF will be meeting with John Keelty (Middlesbrough Connexions) to discuss cross border activities on all YCAP themes.

After School Patrols – the Police and Anti-Social Behaviour team are meeting with schools.

Operation Stay Safe – five young people have been seen so far. There is a problem with the linkage to the Emergency Duty Team, so Liz Abbott is looking at alternative arrangements. There are 20 sessions remaining.

Tackling Alcohol Youth Related Disorder – looking at CCTV in parks, additional policing etc. Operation Hyde will take place for ten weeks over the summer. Reparation are getting involved in litter picking. The Youth Task Force Rep and the Youth Crime Preventions Rep have joined the Steering Group. They are looking at paying for press coverage.

## **8. YOS Performance**

MR provided data from the YJB with regards to Stockton on Tees Data Summary from April 2008 to March 2009 and the Quarterly Performance Summary document.

NI43 is below 3% target; however, there has been a slight increase.

NI45 is under 35% in the first quarter, which needs bringing to attention.

MB highlighted that there are two variant figures with regards to the NI111 in the previous year column.

**ACTION: MR is to look into this.**

## **9. Recidivism Strategy**

MR provided a copy of the recidivism action plan and outcome of the recent questionnaire by some of the most prolific offenders, which encapsulates activity to address and reduce re-offending. The Youth Offending Service asked prolific young offenders what we can do to reduce the risk of them re-offending and the feedback is on this form. The Board agreed that this was a good piece of work and it will be beneficial to see what's been done to improve this.

## **10. Accommodation Move**

TF advised that with the wider ISA and IYSS structure, services are being brought together and will be based on the first floor of Bishopton House. Significant progress has been made in the planning and four weeks ago the Council agreed to move YOS from Bayheath House. This will have two benefits, one being the service as a whole and access for young people and secondly the cost – the revenue savings for the YOS Budget would be significant. The Board agreed the move and also agreed that it should not go ahead until after the Inspection (late October/November).

## **11. Safeguarding**

SMc advised that he will be the ongoing link for Safeguarding, as well as Peter Sellers. MR has presented an item to the LSCB in the last few months; YJB review of Safeguarding in Custody. The YJB review on the Secure Estate is high profile, after the two deaths in custody. They have carried out a large range of consultations with young people, where it was highlighted that they feel safer in smaller environments.

There was an inspection carried out at Castington YOI recently, in which concerns at the number of young people's bones being broken during restraints was highlighted. In September 2008 one young person from Stockton had their wrist broken during a restraint, which resulted in a Child Protection and Police investigations, which were NFA'd.

The local Social Services and the Safeguarding Board are undertaking a review of services.

**ACTION: MR is to make this an agenda item so we can monitor the progress.**

## **12. Social Care Protocol**

MB had a validation visit from Debbie Cooper, who expressed concerns from the YJB (both regional and national). Children's Social Workers are not getting involved when YOS are involved. MR is ensuring that the protocol between YOS and Children's Social Care is up to date and a draft of this will be sent with the minutes of this meeting.

**ACTION: MR is to provide a draft copy of the protocol to send to the Board along with the minutes of this meeting.**

**SMC is to nominate somebody from Social Care to work with MR & TF.**

## **13. Young People in Custody**

MR advised that all young people who enter the Secure Estate will be assessed for Safeguarding due to the impact custody can have on young people.

There are nine young people in custody and two in the community. Of the nine in Custody, eight are male and one is female, they are all White British. There are no Looked After Children.

## **14. Feedback from other meetings**

Nothing to feedback.

## **15. AOB**

No other business to discuss.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009, 10am-12 noon at Bayheath House.

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