

**19<sup>th</sup> January 2010****Present:**

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| 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   |
| Peter Seller     | Assistant Director of Commissioning (PCT)/Head of Children and Young People's Strategy (LA) |
| Julia Morrison   | Assistant Director/Head of Service – Children, Schools and Complex Needs                    |
| Janine Brown     | Youth Advice Services Manager, CAB (on behalf of Mike Robinson)                             |
| David Willingham | Project and Development Manager (on behalf of Terry Frank)                                  |
| Julie Higgins    | Housing Strategy Team Leader (on behalf of Jane Edmends)                                    |
| John Graham      | Senior Probation Officer (on behalf of Tina Beckett)  |
| Debbie Cooper    | Senior Performance Advisor, Regional Youth Justice Board                                    |
| Jenna Ditchburn  | Admin Officer, Youth Offending Team (Minutes)   |

**Apologies:**

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| Terry Frank    | Integrated Youth Support Services Manager                 |
| Ted Allen      | Chief Inspector, Cleveland Police                         |
| Mike Robinson  | Benefits Manager, Citizens Advice Bureau                  |
| Jean Bell      | HMCS Magistrates Court                                    |
| Darren Coulton | LSC, Partnership Manager, Stockton                        |
| Tina Beckett   | Assistant Director, National Probation Service - Teesside |
| Jane Edmends   | Housing Strategy & Development Manager                    |

**1. Presentation: “Youth Justice Performance Improvement Framework & YJB Role”**

Debbie Cooper delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Youth Justice Performance Improvement Framework, which included details on the background to YJPIF, the consultation process and findings to date. The YJB have published a toolkit on their website today, which will assist in the preparation of the self assessment and Youth Justice plan, which needs to be submitted by 9<sup>th</sup> April 2010. The plan should cover the following:

- Resourcing and value for money
- Structure and governance
- Partnership arrangements
- Interface with key strategic partnership plans including the local Children's Plan and Community Safety Plan
- Risks to future delivery

The YOT C&C Self-Assessment template has eight themes which are integral to performance within all of the outcome areas. They are as follows:

1. Assessment, planning interventions and supervision (APIS)
2. Workforce development
3. Reductions in first-time entrants to the youth justice system
4. Reducing reoffending
5. Custody
6. Risk of serious harm

7. Safeguarding
8. Victim and public confidence

**ACTION: MR to complete both documents, circulate a draft of the Plan via email and link with individuals. The findings of the YJB validation will be reported back mid July.**

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

Lynne Burns is to be taken off the attendance list as she is no longer with the authority.

### *Inspection:*

Mike Robinson was to identify a CAF referral process. MR advised that this was to ensure linkages between YOS, Cabin and CAB in Castington – the link with Castington is complete.

MB sent a letter to YOS staff on behalf of the Board with regards to the inspection.

### *Ofsted/Health Inspection:*

MR contacted Ofsted to discuss the inaccuracies in the feedback letter – they thanked us for our comments; however, with the time that has passed and due to them no longer being involved in YOS Inspections they will not change the letter and reiterated that it will not be published.

PS advised that he has not had chance to look at the Health Benchmarking yet, but will prepare this for the next meeting.

**ACTION: PS to undertake the benchmarking exercise.**

### *Scaled Approach:*

MR advised that we now have two Youth Rehabilitation Orders, one of which is supervision with an exclusion requirement. At present, it is difficult to predict what the impact will be on caseloads, due to two separate supervision processes being used simultaneously. We will have a better idea over the next six to nine months.

**Agenda item: October 2010**

### *Youth Crime Action Plan:*

DW advised that it is “Street Based Activities” not “Street Based Teams of Wardens”.

### *Safeguarding/QA:*

TF has advised SM that discussions are ongoing. MR explained that as part of the CESC process, YOS will now be doing monthly in depth case file checks and have developed an audit tool to assist with this. MR will produce a report for the YOS Management Board every six months, which will show how many case files have been checked, the findings and how we have responded.

**ACTION: MR to produce a report every six months for the YOS Management Board.**

## **3. HMIP Inspection – Improvement Action Plan**

MR advised that the Improvement Action Plan needs to be submitted w/c 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010. The plan has been drafted and includes the recommendations from the HMIP and Ofsted Inspections. MR and MB provided updates on the plan and advised that they are putting together a Project Group, which will consist of MB, MR, TF, Phil Kicks and the Police (MB advised the Board that they can also be part of this group). MB suggested that the new District Commander attend the first meeting.

JM suggested MR contact Eric Jewitt with regards to the Learning Disabilities Training for staff.

Page 6: "YOS Strategic Champion" is to be changed to "YOS Strategic Education Champion".

The Board endorsed the plan. MR thanked everyone for their comments and contributions.

**ACTION: MR to submit the plan to HMI Probation.**

#### 4. YCAP Update

DW provided the following update:

##### *Street Based Activities*

Between April and December 2009 they delivered 142 positive activities, engaging 2,140 young people. Street based delivery had 278 deployments in 14 neighbourhoods, engaging 3,140 young people.

The HYDE model is targeted through TCG and has recently seen the Hardwick estate as the main focus of the operation. Partners identified 16 targets who were engaged intensely with the SAFE Programme and Operation Halloween with interventions from YCAP including FIP, Youth Staff at Ketton Road, Police, ASB Patrols and support from Tristar with families identified.

##### Operation Halloween:

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>: 16 positive activities engaged 235 young people; four street based deployments engaged 278 young people.

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>: 14 positive activities engaged 480 young people; 4 street based deployments engaged 390 young people.

During this period anti-social behaviour and criminal damage were reduced by 9%.

##### Bonfire night:

A reduction of 33% in criminal damage and anti social behaviour (last year criminal damage was reduced by 63% and anti social behaviour by 29%).

On 26<sup>th</sup> November we delivered a workshop to the Regional Youth Task Force in Newcastle on the Friday/Saturday night positive activities delivery, which was well received.

Beat the Boredom will be on again during February half term.

##### *After school patrols*

They have been using the Bluetooth technology.

##### *Reparation*

Delivered: 236 hours, 58 sessions, 5 per week - 11 x Bike Repair, 3 x Leafleting, 4 x Environment and 2 x Litter Picking. This will be starting again at the end of January.

##### *FIP*

Currently at full capacity as working with 15 families and there is a waiting list. They are now integrated into the YISP Panels.

##### *Stay Safe*

There have been 19 sessions with 18 young people (9 male & 9 female) being offered support.

##### *YOT in Custody*

MR advised that the YOT Custody Suite is now up and running, with South Tees delivering on our behalf as when the young people are arrested they are taken to Middlesbrough Police Station. MR and DW are meeting with South Tees on Thursday to finalise protocols. This should have an impact on moving young people away from the Criminal Justice System as it

will provide packages of support and interventions at an earlier stage. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

### *Young Victims*

We have been given £10,000 by the DCSF. A self assessment was completed in November and it was decided that the money would be used to expand the work offered by the anti social behaviour teams and input into schools and lessons plans. An online young victim's website is also being devised with the scope to work with anti bullying. MR is looking at the possibility of delivery within Westlands and Residential Children's Homes by the Children's Society and Julia Morrison agreed this was a positive development.

## **5. YOS Performance Report**

MR reported performance against the National Indicators:

NI19: Not doing as well as we would like. This requires much deeper scrutiny via the Performance/Recidivism Clinic. This will be reported at future meetings.

NI43: Just below target. All custody cases have been checked and they are legit.

NI44: BME children and young people are under represented in offending cohort.

NI45: This continues to be a strength. We are performing well, but not as well as last year, when we set ourselves ambitious targets. The ETE Clinic is looking at this, so the frequency of the meetings may have to be increased to monthly again.

NI46: High score.

NI111: Recent performance is showing improvements. The number of young women first time entrants has increased to a third.

## **6. Safeguarding**

SM provided an update from the last meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009. They are undertaking a review of the membership to link other forums with the Safeguarding Board. The YOS Management Board was mentioned and SM will be the named link between LSCB and this Board.

SM added that Operation Stay Safe was prompted as a concern with regards to use of police protection powers. This was discussed with TF and Ted Allen and it seems to be a misunderstanding and SM will be taking a report to the meeting this week.

MR advised of a serious incident that has occurred with an 18 year old male (MJ) who is still supervised by YOS due to an attempted suicide. There is no long term damage, but he was hospitalised for a number of days. Discussions ensued around whether this would go via the Adult Safeguarding Board.

**ACTION: MR is to establish contact with the Adult Safeguarding Board. PS will provide contact details.**

**SM and PS are to link with MR to look at the links between serious incidents and serious case review processes for under 18's.**

## **7. Young People in Custody Report**

MR provided an overview of the young people in custody, advising that there are 16 young people with custodial episodes, 15 in custody and one on remand (seven in Castington Secure Estate). Eight are on licence and are being supervised and all are male, white British.

The current report was agreed as a good format.

## **8. Feedback from other meetings**

PS advised that the Children's Trust Board has new guidance which is out for consultation. The Children and Young People's Plan is currently being reviewed and is due for release on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010.

## **9. Dates of 2010 meetings**

Agreed.

## **10. For information**

- a) Restorative Justice presentations:  
YOS did a presentation to the Safer Stockton Partnership in November/December 2009 and will be doing one for the Members Policy Seminar which is attended by Councillors in April 2010.
- b) Court Contract  
MR advised that they are currently reviewing commissioning arrangements and will provide an update at the next meeting.

## **11. AOB**

No other business to discuss.

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