

27th April 2010

Present:

Mike Batty	Head of Community Protection (Chair)
Shaun McLurg	Assistant Director/Head of Service, Children and Young People's Operational Services
Terry Frank	Integrated Youth Support Services Manager
Miriam Robertson	YOS Manager
Peter Seller	Assistant Director of Commissioning (PCT)/Head of Children and Young People's Strategy (LA)
Andy Fox	Acting Chief Inspector, Cleveland Police (on behalf of Ted Allen)
Mike Robinson	Benefits Manager, Citizens Advice Bureau
Jean Bell	HMCS Magistrates Court
Jane Edmonds	Housing Strategy & Development Manager
John Graham	Senior Probation Officer (on behalf of Lucia Saiger)
David Willingham	Project and Development Manager
Jenna Ditchburn	Admin Officer, Youth Offending Team (Minutes)

Apologies:

Julia Morrison	Assistant Director/Head of Service – Children, Schools and Complex Needs
Lucia Saiger	Durham & Tees Valley Probation Service
Ted Allen	Chief Inspector, Cleveland Police

1. Presentation: “Youth Crime Action Plan”

DW delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Youth Crime Action Plan. YCAP Funding was also discussed.

ACTIONS: DW is to send JD the Project Plan for distribution to the Board.

DW is to advise MB how many young people have not engaged with Reparation.

PS is to discuss YCAP funding at the next Children's Trust Board.

DW is to add budget information to the presentation.

MB is to add YCAP to the next Safer Stockton Partnership Agenda.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

All actions complete and will be discussed during the meeting.

Safeguarding: MR contacted the Adult Safeguarding Board and they are going to arrange a meeting to look at the links between serious incidents and serious case review processes. The YJB are working on this regionally.

Restorative Justice Seminars: MR advised that the Members Policy Seminar did not go ahead and will be scheduled to take place later in the year.

3. Presentation: “Youth Justice Plan”

MR delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Youth Justice Plan, which was submitted on 9th April 2010.

ACTION: MR is to advise M Robinson of when the mentoring groups have been put together so he can look at training.

4. YOS Budget

MR advised that for 2010/2011, the YOS income is just over £1.5 million, from a range of statutory partner contributions and grant funding from several streams. Two thirds of the YOS budget will be spent on employee costs and Preventions activity will account for almost a fifth of the YOS spend. MR is meeting with the finance section soon.

MR added that the Local Authority funding is mainstream; the grant funding i.e. Children’s Society is classed as “other”. YCAP is part of the IYSS Budget and is not part of the YOS Budget; however, the Board advised it could be included as a footnote.

The YJB are increasingly concerned about “value for money” and will be analysing partnership funding and ‘price per head’ on Court Orders – MR will have more information on this later in the year.

The budget was endorsed by the Board.

5. Improvement Action Plan Update

MR advised that the majority of the actions are complete.

3.1 Scheduled for completion at the end of this month.

5.1 Will be completed at the end of this year when the data comes in.

Ofsted Recommendations: MR and Julia Morrison have had discussions around anticipated hurdles now Ofsted have pulled out of the YOS Inspection process.

MB advised that if this is to be discussed again, reporting by exception only.

6. YOS Performance

MR reported performance against the National Indicators:

NI19: Third quarter data (Oct-Dec 09) will be available at the end of April and the fourth quarter (Jan-Mar 10) will be available at the end of July. MR will keep the Board updated as it comes in.

NI43: Just below 5% target at 4.7%.

NI44: Red section is due to slight over representation of White/British.

NI45: To date this is 83.8% (90% overall target). We are one of the highest in the region, but still have some work to do.

NI46: This is no longer being monitored nationally; however, the Board have agreed to continue monitoring this.

NI111: We are doing well on this due to the effort from partners.

TF advised that we need our own internal reoffending target, as currently we are using the baseline. MB advised that we need to look back at the figures from 2005 to identify any trends. Data will be finalised by the end of July, so we won't have validated data by the next meeting; however, the figures should still give us an idea.

ACTION: MR/TF are to bring a proposal to the next meeting re: the internal reoffending target.

7. CESC/IYSS Restructure

SM advised that changes have been made to the Children and Young People's Operational Services structure; as the Children's Trust Management Board assessed its current format and agreed that it was not working as there were issues around accountability.

ACTION: JD to send the revised structure with the minutes.

TF is currently looking at management accountability within the IYSS moving towards functional accountability. This will not affect front line delivery as the Youth Support Team structure will be maintained. A consultation paper will be circulated to those managers affected and it is hoped to implement the new management accountabilities on 1st June. Informal feedback from managers is positive as they appreciate the re-focussing on functional priorities.

ACTION: MR/TF to frame proposals on how best to report to the Board on Preventions activity.

8. Health Benchmarking

PS provided the Board with a report on Health Benchmarking, which included the evidence in advance questionnaire. This report is part of a regional document, which was put together for the inspection process.

MR advised that there were concerns in the service about Trust proposals not to take young people who sexually harm at Westwood. PS to progress.

ACTIONS: MR to send Regional Report to PS.

MR is to put this as an item on the next agenda to look at how we can monitor health outcomes.

9. Commissioned Services

MR provided information and updated the Board on the YOS Commissioned Services.

JB advised that the Court and Judges were concerned about the contract being terminated with South Tees as they felt this system worked well; however, they realise it had to move on.

10. Safeguarding: Feedback from LSCB

SM provided an update from the last Safeguarding Board meeting:

Further to the miscommunication regarding Operation Stay Safe, SM/TF and Ted Allen met with the Board to discuss this and their concerns have now been allayed.

Discussions are continuing with regards to the structure of the Board and a development day has been arranged for 12th July, with the intention to seek an independent chair for the Board. SM will update at future meetings.

SM will be doing a presentation on 20th May with regards to Contact, Referral and Assessment Arrangements.

A review of compliance against the Laming recommendations has been undertaken - this will be discussed in May.

11. YP in Custody

MR provided a report on young people in custody and on licence.

The YJB are decommissioning beds in Castington - a phased approach is being taken to gradually transfer the young people to Wetherby. They are unsure of the dynamics with moving young people from the North East in with North West young people due to gangs and knife crime; however, this is being managed on a case on case basis. MR is meeting with the Governor on Friday.

12. YJB Review

MR provided the following information:

The YJB have emerged stronger than ever from the Review and has been accepted as the "Trusted Advisor" for Ministers on Youth Crime Matters.

The following are key recommendations in the Review Document, which have been accepted by Government:

- The Ministry of Justice will have a stronger role to play in the YJB.
- YJB to review the Sustaining the Success document which provides guidance to local partnerships on governance, leadership and management of YOTs.
- YJB to have a higher profile in local authorities, not just through YOT partnerships but through Children's Trusts.
- YJB to achieve better value for money whilst focusing upon number one priority of improving public confidence in the Youth Justice System, whilst improving outcomes for children and young people.
- Much clearer focus on 'what works' agenda.
- Greater focus on performance and effective practice.
- Increased powers to intervene in YOTs seen to be failing.
- Review the YOS assessment processes to achieve greater alignment with CAF.
- YJB to develop a much clearer and distinct Secure Estate for children and young people.

- Greater linkages between Secure Estate and local authorities and the development of closer working between YOTs and the secure estate.

Challenges ahead:

£21 million cut in YJB budget which will be achieved by reductions in the Secure Estate and within the YJB (not YOTs at this stage).

Future of Preventions funding is still unclear.

Greater YJB profile within local partnerships and in monitoring performance – do they have the capacity to deliver on this aspiration?

Greater role in highlighting effective practice.

13. Feedback from meetings

Nothing to update.

14. AOB

M Robinson advised that a draft valuation of the Cabin has been produced and will be launched in June.

MR advised that the Tees Valley ISSP Consortium are reviewing its possible disaggregation. MR will provide a paper at the next meeting.

ACTION: Paper on ISSP to the next meeting.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 13th July 2010, 10am-12noon at Bayheath House.