

12<sup>TH</sup> October 2010

Safer Stockton Partnership

21 December 2010

**Present:**

Mike Batty	Head of Community Protection (Chair)
Terry Frank	Integrated Youth Support Services Manager
Miriam Robertson	YOS Manager
Peter Seller	Assistant Director of Commissioning (PCT)/Head of Children & Young People's Strategy (LA)
Shaun McLurg	Assistant Director/Head of Service, Children & Young People's Operational Services
Steve Young	Cleveland Police
John Graham	Senior Probation Officer (on behalf of Lucia Saiger)
Regina Harrington	Team Leader, Strategy & Development (on behalf of Caroline Wood)
Mike Robinson	Benefits Manager, Citizens Advice Bureau
Jean Bell	HMCS Magistrates Court
Lesley Harrison	Team Manager, Integrated Youth Support Services (Minutes)
Sheila Whitehead	Youth Support Team Manager, YOS

**Apologies:**

Lucia Saiger            Durham & Tees Valley Probation Service

**Minutes and Matters Arising**

The minutes from 13.07.10 were agreed as a true and accurate record. All actions have been completed and updates provided during the meeting.

Matters Arising

*Health Mark Benchmarking:* PS provided a brief update. PS suggested a meeting with SW plus Health Workers to look at benchmarking against the set criteria. This action was agreed and PS & SW would present findings at the next YOS Management Board Meeting on 18.01.11.

**ACTION PS & SW**

*Parenting Worker Vacancy:* MR reported that YOS were accessing alternative parenting provision and currently have one parenting order. MR advised that this may need to be revisited post April 2011.

*Intensive Supervision & Surveillance:* MR advised that at the last YOS Board Meeting, the meeting agreed to the proposal to disaggregate the consortium which is currently hosted by South Tees. The ISS Steering Group recently met, and given uncertainty over future funding, agreed to defer the decision until more information had been received.

*Composition of the YOS Management Board:* MR advised that Linda Brown will be the new Education rep on the board. Due to take up her post in January 2011. MR has forwarded the dates of future meetings and will meet Linda to support the induction of new Board members.

YOS & C/N: MR advised that she had met with Social Care and the four cases where YOS could have taken the lead had been deemed inappropriate after further investigation.

### **Scaled Approach / YRO Workload Impact**

SW gave a presentation and issued documentation on the Scaled Approach. The scaled approach is based on risk, need and responsibility. A YRO can be up to a length of 3 years and is made up from a menu of requirements. There are 3 scaled approach intervention levels which are:

Standard – 2 contacts per month (Asset score 0-14)

Enhanced – 4 contacts per month (Asset score 15-32)

Intensive – 12 contacts per month (Asset score of 33-64)

There is also an additional assessment of Risk of Serious Harm which would escalate the level of intervention.

SW also provided an update on improvements which had been made and the impact of the scaled approach to date.

A discussion took place on the presentation. Mike R asked if his service could have a copy of the Asset Form. MR advised that YOS were not in a position to share all documents due to the sensitive nature. It was agreed for MR and Mike R to arrange to meet at a later date to discuss further.

#### **ACTION MR & Mike R**

It was also agreed for SW to meet with JB to discuss numbers who had been given a curfew and those tagged.

#### **ACTION SW & JB**

MR advised that a Green Paper was due around the end of November on Criminal Justice which would be wide ranging and would include the reviewing of National Indicators. MR agreed to bring this to the next YOS Management Board meeting in January 2011. It was also agreed to distribute the Asset scales on YROs to include frequency analysis with the next agenda.

#### **ACTION MR**

### **YJB Validation Outcome**

MR advised that every YOS goes through an annual validation process. This informs the YJB who then decide monitoring arrangements and frequency. Template had been completed by YJB. MR advised that they are no longer required to sign off the document but brought this to the meeting for information.

## **Improvement Action Plan**

MR presented a progress report on the YOS Improvement Action Plan. All actions are now completed, and the Board congratulated the service on the progress that has been made.

## **YOS Performance**

MR presented the quarterly performance summary to the Board.

NI 19 – MR advised that the latest performance data was not available as need to check data with PCN. Data will be submitted at the next Board meeting.

NI 45 - MR advised that the data showed Stockton YOS to have the strongest performance levels in the Region.

NI 111 – Data showed that the first time entrants were at their lowest in the last 8/9 years.

The Board agreed that the data performance reported was excellent.

## **Re-Offending Analysis from 2009 Cohort**

MR provided a report on the Re-offending results from the 2009 Stockton cohort for members to read. The Board agreed for MR to produce a further report for the next YOS Management Board Meeting.

## **ACTION MR**

## **QA Case File Audits**

MR provided a report on YOS Case File Auditing process. YOS had revised their QA case file auditing processes to become more aligned with the wider QA processes within children's social care. Audit tools had been introduced to support this process and a monthly case file audit is conducted by YSTM and Senior Practitioners. MR & TF audit the management process monthly following the recommendation from the HMIP.

MR outlined areas of strength and those for on-going improvements. MR proposed that the Board note the contents of the report, acknowledge the improvements achieved in quality in the YOS, note the areas for improvement and planned actions and receive further updates on a 6 monthly basis.

A discussion took place on the report and the Board agreed the proposals.

## **YOS Financial Profile**

MR provided a report on the YOS Budget for 10/11, highlighting YOS income and expenditure. Current savings had been made as follows:

YJB Preventions Parenting – contract with Barnados - £21,892

Partners in Parenting – Middlesbrough contract cancelled - £20,929

YOT Core Resources – employee vacancies and pension budgets - £9,724

Preventions Co-ordinator vacancy - £24,487.

MR advised that the financial position for 11/12 is unknown at this stage.

MR proposed that the Board note the contents of the report, start to consider the financial position of the YOS in 11/12 and that updates are provided on the budget.

This was agreed by the Board.

MB also agreed to inform the Board of any significant financial changes.

TF suggested that there needed to be a modelling exercise to look at the impact a reduction in funding would make. It was agreed for TF and MR to take this forward.

#### **ACTION MR & TF**

#### **YCAP Update**

TF provided an update on the YCAP activity. The Street Based Teams, Reparation and After School Patrol elements continue to deliver positive outcomes. An evaluation report on The Family Intervention Project is in the process of being completed and will be shared at the next Board Meeting.

#### **ACTION TF**

#### **CYP Plan Priorities**

PS provided an update with regards to the CYP Plan. A Project Team are in place looking at the delivery of a new plan from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011.

MR advised that YOS had completed an initial needs assessment and were in the process of pulling together data from consultations to determine priorities. MR working closely with PS collating documentary evidence of work with Parents / Carers/ Children and Young People.

#### **Female Offending**

MR produced a report analysing the offending behaviour of those aged 10-17 year old females living in Stockton based on data collected from YOS over the last 10 years. The report has also been presented to a recent Safer Stockton Partnership. MR highlighted areas and advised that initial conclusions had showed that females were less likely to re-offend than their male peers.

#### **Preventions Update Report**

MR provided a written report from Barbara Jordan on the Preventions Service which was for information only.

#### **Feedback from LSCB**

SM advised that Colin Morris had been appointed as the independent chair and would be taking over in November. The review of the Safeguarding Board Structure had been completed which had resulted in a new Executive Structure. Membership of the Board continues to grow with more details still to be finalised.

## **Ofsted Inspection: Safeguarding & LAC Services**

SM provided an update on the Ofsted Inspection which had been positive overall. A draft letter had been received showing the headline targets for Safeguarding were adequate and Looked After Children were good. Compared to data from January 2010 the results were much improved.

SM advised that recommendation had been made about the sharing of information and joint work to risk assess and manage young people who display sexually harmful behaviour. MR advised that she is meeting with Senior Managers within social care to respond to progress.

The Board asked MR to provide a further update on this at the next YOS Management Board Meeting.

### **ACTION MR**

## **YP in Custody**

MR presented a report on young people currently subject to a custodial sentence.

15 young people were subject to detention and training orders of which 10 on licence and 5 in custody.

## **A.o.B**

MR advised that HMIP carry out thematic inspections. It was agreed by the Board for a copy of the analysis to be attached to the minutes for circulation.

### **ACTION JD**

MR advised that Action & Rights for Children had sent a letter to all Local Authorities as they were concerned that Youth Offending Teams are unlawfully uploading data to the Youth Justice Management Information System (YJMIS) which contained sensitive data. In response to this the YJB met and commissioned a company to look at the data and ensure it is compliant with the Data Protection Act 1988.