

**STOCKTON YOS MANAGEMENT BOARD**

**24<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

**Present:**

Mike Batty	Head of Community Protection (Chair)
Shaun McLurg	Head of Children and Young People's Operational Services
Michael Williams	Chief Inspector - Neighbourhood Manager, Cleveland Police
Paul Whittingham	Commissioning Manager (North), NHS Hartlepool & NHS Stockton-on-Tees
Miriam Robertson	Manager, Youth Offending Service
Jenna Ditchburn	Admin Officer, Youth Offending Service (Minutes)

**Apologies:**

Terry Frank                      Integrated Youth Support Service Manager

**1. Minutes & Matters Arising**

*Reoffending Analysis:*

MR is still looking into whether we can present the data on tenancies, as requested by Caroline Wood.

**ACTION:        MR to feedback at next meeting**

*Health Worker Update:*

PW advised that Tees and Esk Wear Valley will provide a part time temporary health worker for 3 months at band 6, who should be in post by next week. The advert is on NHS Jobs now, with a provisional interview date of 27.02.12, so the successful candidate should hopefully start at the end of March. The Board thanked PW for his help with this.

MR highlighted that it hasn't been possible to secure clinical supervision to support general nursing element of the role, so YOS will be looking at accessing general health provision through external agencies. This may cause a potential issue in terms of gaps in services which the Board can monitor. The health benchmarking presentation will assist with that process. Since Hartlepool YOS are in the opposite position, there may be some value in a reciprocal arrangement.

*Health Funding 11/12:*

MB wrote to the PCT Chief Executive enquiring about the whereabouts of the money that had not been used for the health worker post. He received a response on 20.12.11 explaining that a refund could not be made as the YOS was not a commissioned provider.

*PCT Responsibilities after 2013:*

MB wrote to John Drew, Chief Executive of the YJB, who advised that it is likely to become the responsibility of the Clinical Commissioning Groups, who need to ensure they include contributions of YOTs in spending plans. This needs to be checked with Khalid at the next meeting.

**ACTION:        Board to confirm responsibilities with KA at next meeting**

*YOS Management Board Terms of Reference:*

MR/JD to update the management board display.

**ACTION:        MR/JD to update display board**

*Quality Assurance Audit Findings:*

MR will present further information on the QA process in April.

*Pre Reprimand Disposal:*

Mrs Cheer, Acting Chief Constable advised MW that she would take another look at this in January.

MB invited MW & PW to attend a workshop on 29.03.12 regarding Restorative Justice – MR/TF and possibly SM will be attending.

*HMIP Consultation::*

MR submitted information to HMIP re: future inspections of YOS and met with the Assistant Chief Inspector. The YJB are looking at peer review processes for children and safeguarding – if they are a success they will be rolled out nationally.

All other actions completed.

## **2. Health Benchmarking**

This presentation has been deferred until the next meeting (24.4.12).

**ACTION: MR to add to agenda for next meeting**

## **3. Reoffending Action Plan**

MR provided a copy of the action plan for 12/13, which captures the learning from the reoffending analysis outcome. MB requested the action plan for the reoffending analysis 12/13 be brought to July's meeting.

**ACTION: MR to provide action plan on the reoffending analysis at July's meeting**

## **4. YOS Budget 12/13 and from 13/14**

MR provided a report on the YOS Budget 12/13 as it currently stands and on national developments which are likely to have an impact upon YOS funding from 13/14.

*Funding:*

Funding for 12/13 has not yet been confirmed. Still waiting on some partner agencies and the YJB to advise of funding. The YOS has been advised to plan for average reductions of 10% in YJB funding for 12/13. YJB Funding for 12/13 should be confirmed in a few weeks.

MW updated the Board on the likely police contributions for 12/13 and 13/14. To be confirmed in writing. The Board agreed to undertake a comparison with other YOTs and if there are substantial differences, then this may be challenged. .

PW advised that the PCT are not planning any reductions and will be working towards 11/12 levels of funding. PW will write to confirm this.

*National Developments:*

There are several developments which will impact upon YOS income from 13/14:

- Introduction of a new funding formula for the YJB grant. Partnerships are likely to be advised of the 13/14 allocation in April 12.
- Introduction of PCC from November 12, with some YOS income redirected to the PCC
- Payment by Results

MR/TF to bring options for 13/14 to July's meeting and it is to remain as a standing item on future agendas.

**ACTION: MR/TF to bring options for 13/14 to July's meeting**

## **5. YOS Performance**

YOS performance continues to be strong. New performance measurement for reoffending has been introduced by MoJ and is published on their website. However, there is a significant time lag. Figures from April 2009 to March 2010 will be available at the end of the month. In order to support ongoing monitoring of YOS performance, the Board agreed to continue receiving local performance data collated from the YOS case management system, as well as the new national performance information.

Scrutiny of performance shows that there are less people coming into the system and less reoffending. We are monitoring numbers of young people doing into custody. Recently there have been some very serious offences committed by people who were not previously known to us.

The Board will continue monitoring both reports for the time being.

## **6. Troubled Families**

Louise Casey has been appointed Head of the Troubled Families Team and has been given a budget of £450m. They have produced a set of numbers of troubled families per local authority and ours is 455 (figures come from Index of Child Welfare and Index of Multiple Deprivation). We will have to present 60% of funding to release their 40%, which would amount to £2.5m, which we have not got as spare cash. They feel we should have people lined up to be in post by April to deliver this, which is not viable. It is still work in progress.

## **7. Feedback from LSCB**

SM advised that discussions are ongoing with the DFE with regards to publication of the Serious Case Review Report re "Colin". Notwithstanding this, there is learning to be taken and the process on external trips will be reported on next week. SM will keep the Board posted on progress.

## **8. Young People in Custody**

MR provided an updated report into young people currently subject to a custodial episodes, in the secure estate and in the community: 19 in total.

## **9. YOS Internal Audit Report**

MR provided a copy of the Stockton Borough Council's internal audit of the YOS. The YOS was judged as providing "full assurance", the highest judgement that can be given. This shows that YOS systems continue to be strong. The Board acknowledged the report and thanked MR and her team for their strong performance.

## **10. Partner Updates**

Nothing to update.

## **11. AOB**

### *Court Improvement Plan:*

The YOS benchmarked itself against key recommendations in a HMIP Thematic Inspection report. Good performance but some areas of further development outlined in the Court Improvement Plan. All actions have now been completed and the Plan was signed off.

### *Youth Justice Plan:*

There is still a requirement for a Youth Justice Plan. MR proposed that she update the current plan to include national developments and bring it to a future meeting.

### *MOJ Audit of the YOS:*

Stockton on Tees YOS has been selected for audit by the Ministry of Justice, which will take place between January and March. They will be looking at income, expenditure and performance. If they need to speak with Board members, MR will organise.

25.01.12/JD/MR/MB