

**STOCKTON YOS MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Safer Stockton Partnership

10<sup>th</sup> July 2012

14 August 2012

**Present:**

Mike Batty	Head of Community Protection (Chair)
Shaun McLurg	Head of Children and Young People's Services
Terry Frank	Integrated Youth Support Service Manager
Paul Whittingham	Commissioning Manager (North), NHS Hartlepool & NHS Stockton-on-Tees
Dave Toor	Chief Inspector - Neighbourhood Manager
Miriam Robertson	Manager, Youth Offending Service
John Graham	Senior Probation Officer, Durham Tees Valley Probation
Tony Hodgson	North East England Team, Youth Justice Board
Jenna Ditchburn	Admin Officer, Youth Offending Service (Minutes)

**1. Minutes & Matters Arising***MOJ Audit of the YOS:*

They advised that feedback would only be given if there were any queries – no feedback received.

*Health Representation on the Board:*

PW advised that the YOS would be coming under the NHS Commissioning Board and they are still looking at how it will work and who will represent.

**ACTION: To remain as an agenda item for updates in September and December**

*Transition – YOS and Probation:*

JG advised that he and SW agreed the final draft this morning and will be using the transfer policy on the YJB website, adapting it to strengthen Stash involvement. MR sits on the Substance Misuse Commissioning Group and will discuss this at the next meeting. JG suggested that a worker attend multi agency meetings. It should be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> July so it can be brought to the meeting in October.

**ACTION: JG to present final report at October's meeting**

*ETE Measurement:*

MR advised that work is ongoing with the new ETE measurement, looking at impact on outcomes and service response.

**ACTION: MR/TF to provide proposal on ETE measurement for October's meeting**

*Pre Reprimand Disposals:*

MB advised that the regional group are considering training options and will be sending Stockton Officers on training.

**ACTION: MB to check timescales with Darren Best**

All other actions completed.

**2. Update on national developments in youth justice**

TH provided an update on the national developments in youth justice via PowerPoint presentation "The Youth Justice Landscape", detailing the role of the YJB, YOTS and the Secure Estates (presentations to be sent with minutes). The Board does not feel the timescales are reasonable.

**ACTIONS: TH to send MR details on the event that is taking place in September re: transitions**

**TH to enquire where the money for LAC will come from**

**TH to confirm when the consultation on approach to devolution of budgets will be taking place (originally June 12)**

**3. Transfer of remand costs to LAs**

MR prepared a report to update the Board of the developments relating to the transfers of the costs of custodial remands from government to the local authority. There are discrepancies in the YJB information and local YOS data with regards to bed nights; however, arrangements have been put in place for YOTs to enter their own figures into the system, which we are doing. The recommendations were agreed - the YOS Social Care protocol will need to be reviewed in line with this. Neil Schneider has requested a report stating how we would absorb these costs.

**ACTION: MB/MR to work on a report for CMT stating issues (using this report as an appendix)  
MR to review YOS Social Care protocol**

#### **4. National Standards Pilot; local proposals**

MR presented a report which was prepared by Tanya Evans, YOS Team Manager. The proposals were discussed and agreed, on a trial basis and demonstrable evidence that files have been seen and quality assurance is in place to ensure there is no dilution in service is needed. We will monitor impact on the service in readiness for the new standards being published in April.

**ACTION: MR to present a report at the April 2013 meeting**

#### **5. Troubled Families**

MB advised that 799 households have been identified (400 YOS sources) matching adult benefit claims (DWP). A points system has been used with YOS whereby they receive the following: 1 point for a Reprimand, 2 points for a Final Warning, 3 points for a Fine, Caution, PND or Conditional Discharge, 5 points for Community Sentences and 10 points for Custody. 44 out of 398 young people had points in double figures. FIP will be working with 60% of cases and a meeting is taking place tomorrow with other agencies to see who can pick up the other 40%. Tees Valley Housing Association are appointing staff now and the project is due to start on 1<sup>st</sup> August. There is three years funding from central government, but it may run for four years.

**ACTION: MB to email Cabinet report to the Board**

#### **6. YOS Performance**

MR provided a report on the old and new measurements. First Time Entrants are continuing to do well with a 2% reduction from last year; however, the new figures are high, reflecting lack of a pre-reprimand disposal system in Cleveland Police area. FTE are falling but are still higher than other areas. The new FTE figures are more useful. Custody went from 17 (10/11) to 21 (11/12) - the new figures are far higher in comparison. Old reoffending figures are higher with an increase in the numbers of offending when they come out of custody – figures for those on orders are lower. We have the lowest reoffending rates in Cleveland.

#### **7. Feedback from LSCB**

SM advised that the Tees Wide safeguarding procedure went live on 1<sup>st</sup> May and no issues have been identified by agencies.

A development session is taking place next week where we will be working through big issues that are around at the moment, looking at a response to the Munro recommendation and coordinating a response to the regional consultation.

The Ofsted child protection inspection framework started transition in July until March and it is probable that Stockton will be inspected. This will be an unannounced two week inspection based on risk assessments and if a service has previously had adequate or inadequate judgements. The inspection will focus on Child Protection and be practice based with other inspectorates being brought in. SM will update as more information becomes available.

#### **8. Young People in the Secure Estate**

MR provided an updated report into young people currently subject to a custodial sentence, in the secure estate and in the community. There are 20 in total, 14 in custody and 6 are on licence. All male, all but one WB and three are LAC. Substance misuse is a strong feature. 2 received custody for breach of orders. The vast majority are SEN or have been excluded.

#### **9. Partner Updates**

MB advised that Darren Best is moving on as District Commander from August/September.

## 10. IYSS Rebrand

TF and SM presented this item. Stockton Riverside College media students competed to create a design and 'Youth Direction' was chosen, which will sit alongside the corporate branding as an "umbrella" for IYSS. The YOS will remain as a distinct entity within the new "Youth Direction". We are still awaiting a marketing strategy and there will be a launch event in September. The Board agreed with the rebrand and applauded the use of young people.

## 11. A.O.B.

Hull visit:

MB, MR, Steven Hume and Jeff Evans visited Hull last Thursday.

**ACTION: MB to circulate notes**

PCC Youth Event:

The PCC Youth Event is taking place on Thursday to raise the profile of the PCC.

The National Association of Youth Justice are holding a days session at the University of Durham Queens Campus on 12<sup>th</sup> September – MB is unable to attend but will provide details.

**ACTION: MB to provide details on session**

## Next Meeting

Tuesday 16th October 2012, 10am-12 noon at Bayheath House

10.07.12/JD/MR