

23rd April 2013

Safer Stockton Partnership

7 May 2013

Present:

Mike Batty	Head of Community Protection (Chair)
Shaun McLurg	Head of Children and Young People's Services
Miriam Robertson	Manager, Youth Offending Service
Joe Howard	Local Delivery Unit Manager, Durham Tees Valley Probation
Andy Fox	Acting Chief Inspector, Cleveland Police (on behalf of Dave Toor)
Emma Champley	Strategic Commissioner, Public Health
Jenna Ditchburn	Admin Officer, Youth Offending Service (Minutes)

Apologies:

Dave Toor	Chief Inspector - Neighbourhood Manager
Terry Frank	Integrated Youth Support Service Manager

1. Minutes & Matters Arising

Health Representation on the Board:

The Board felt that there should be representation from Public Health and CCG given that both are contributing funding and a post to the YOS.

ACTION: MR to contact KA re: CCG representation on the Board

YOS ETE Performance

Ongoing Action: MR to bring report for July's meeting

HMIP Thematic Inspection Report: Looked After Children:

MR/JP/DT have scheduled in a series of meetings to discuss shared issues such as this. AF to explore the police protocol issue in DT's absence.

ACTION: AF to check Police protocols

HMIP Inspection of Youth Offending:

The strategic linkages chart has been approved and is inspection ready.

ACTION: Final version of strategic linkages chart to be emailed with the minutes

Troubled Families:

An additional scoring criteria has been added for those yp/families that are open to the service. The panel acts as a gatekeeper and prioritisation can be done within the national criteria.

YOS Managers Report:

Partner funding has been confirmed in principal with no reductions anticipated from Probation, Public Health and the PCC.

Ongoing Action: MR to report on a Preventing Remand Strategy at the July meeting

AOB:

MR advised that the incident in Wetherby was no longer viewed as an attempted suicide following assessment by health professionals within Wetherby

All other actions completed.

2. National & Local Developments in Youth Justice

MR presented a report on National and Local Youth Justice developments.

The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (LASPO):

AF advised that Alan Fish has offered to brief the eight neighbourhood policing teams on Out of Court Disposals/Restorative Justice – the Board agreed this would be useful.

ACTION: AF to arrange with Alan Fish to brief the neighbourhood policing teams on RJ

Launch of the new National Standards for Youth Justice:

MR advised that consideration needs to be given as to whether strategic and operational management of the YOS meets the new benchmark established by the new standards. This will also support the planned self assessment work (on hold currently pending the publication of guidance from HMIP from April 13). The board agreed that if there is going to be a substantial delay in publication, the report is to be done for the next meeting; otherwise the self assessment and the assessment against the new National Standards can be a single piece of work.

ACTION: MR to provide a draft report for the next meeting.

CJJ Thematic Inspection Findings:

MR presented a summary of the key findings and recommendations of the thematic inspection into Children & Young People who Sexually Offend. One of the recommendations for the YOS Management Board relates specifically to ensuring coherent victim strategy.

Victim issues – MB/EC to have discussions about SARC outside of this meeting. EC will check the report and MB will write to the chair of the LCJB to refer to him the victims issue.

**ACTION: MB/EC to discuss SARC
EC to check report
MB to write to chair of LCJB.**

HMI Probation Inspection Framework:

MR proposed bringing some key learning from inspections of YOTs, to date, to the next YOS Management Board – this was agreed.

ACTION: MR to bring some key learning from inspections of YOTs to next meeting

Transforming Youth Custody consultation:

MR outlined key elements of the Green Paper and presented a draft response to the consultation from Stockton on Tees YOS, which was accepted by the Board.

3. Performance Report 12/13 & Targets for 13/14

MR presented a report on YOS performance for 12/13 and targets for 13/14. Performance targets were agreed for FTE, Use of Custody and Reoffending; however, the Board requested a further report be provided at the next meeting on ETE (possible 85% engagement rate, maintaining 95% school age, but reducing post 16). The Board did not support the proposal to establish a local target for reducing custodial remand.

ACTION: MR to update on the ETE performance target at the next meeting

4. QA Audit October 12- March 13. Summary of findings

MR presented a report on YOS QA Audit Findings over the last 6 months, highlighting the strengths, ongoing areas for improvement and actions to support AFIs.

5. Youth Justice Plan 13/14

MR presented a draft Plan for endorsement by the Board. The plan needs submitting by June. The following changes need to be made:

Page 5 – Change 'Primary Care Trust' to 'Commissioning Group/Public Health'

Page 7 – Section to be added on the Early Help Strategy – MR/SM/EC to discuss wording

ACTION: MR/SM/EC to discuss wording for Early Help Strategy section

6. Transitions & Y2A Information Sharing

JH presented the meeting with hard copies of a draft Transition Protocol between DTV Probation and the Cleveland & Durham YOTs. The protocol is nearly complete. Darlington are now on board and discussions are taking place with Durham. JH to give an update at the next meeting.

ACTION: JH to update at the next meeting

7. Future YOS Resourcing

SM advised that the Local Authority are in a difficult financial position, with a £17.8m deficit for 16/17. The Council are looking at services with an indicative savings target for the YOS. This information is not yet in the public domain, but was shared with staff last week. It will go to Cabinet in May, full Council in June and the public will be informed early May. Subject to formal agreements, SM/JP/MR will meet to look at ideas to make the required budget savings and a formal proposal will be presented to the next Board meeting. HR will be involved. MB advised that the PCC's office has queried plans on this to seek some assurances about future delivery. MB has discussed it with Ed Chicken.

ACTION: SM to provide a formal proposal at the next meeting in July

8. Feedback from LSCB

SM provided the following updates from the meeting:

- a. Ofsted completed a Child Protection Inspection in January and work is in progress to look at the action plan. The final plan will go to Cabinet for approval in June. Challenges for LSCB came from the inspection. There were lengthy discussions at the last LSCB meeting, with possible changes being made to the agenda items (more detailed look at service areas).
- b. Working Together has just been published and became operational on 15th April – nothing radical/unexpected just a move away from core assessments to single assessment. The Tees Wide Procedures group are to look at the document.
- c. The annual development day is taking place on 20th June, with possible further changes in structure and processes. SM will feedback at future meetings.

9. Young People in Custody

MR presented information on the current custodial cohort, including criminogenic factors. The board noted that all the young people in the cohort have a history of exclusion and the majority are SEN.

10. Partner Updates

EC advised that £30k has been put aside for apprenticeships and the Job Centre are contributing £2k. They are hoping to engage YOS clients in this.

11. AOB

Nothing further to discuss.

24.04.13/JD/MR/MB