

STOCKTON YOS MANAGEMENT BOARD

14th January 2014

Present:

Mike Batty	Head of Community Protection (Chair)
Shaun McLurg	Head of Children and Young People's Services
Miriam Sigsworth	Manager, Youth Offending Service
Dave Willingham	Interim Youth Direction Manager
Joe Howard	Local Delivery Unit Manager, Durham Tees Valley Probation
Emma Champley	Strategic Commissioner, Public Health
Neil Schneider	Chief Executive, Stockton Borough Council
Geoff Lee	Chair of the Safer Stockton Partnership
Gordon Lang	Chief Superintendent, Cleveland Police
Steven Hume	Community Safety Manager
Karen Hawkins	Head of Commissioning and Delivery, CCG
Jenna Walton	Admin Officer, Youth Offending Service (Minutes)

Apologies:

None

1. Minutes & Matters Arising

HMIP Thematic Inspection Report: Looked After Children:

MS has met with Jayne Parry re: the Reducing Criminalisation Policy, which has been redrafted. GL has nominated a representative from the Police and a meeting is to be arranged to finalise the draft document this month and will be brought to the next YOS Management Board meeting.

Multi Agency responses to children and young people who sexually offend:

MS advised that she has not received all of the information yet so will bring the findings to the next meeting.

ACTION: Reducing Criminalisation Policy and report on children and young people who sexually offend to next Board meeting.

Budget Prospects 14/15:

MB advised that £60,500 of the PCC contribution is at risk. The PCC budget is used to deliver key objectives of the PCC which match YOS objectives. It contributes towards overall outcomes for the YOS so we will have to look at service priorities should there be a reduction. MS is meeting with the PCC office on Thursday along with other YOTs and will notify senior managers of the outcome.

MB wrote to the YJB - Lin Hinnigan, Chief Executive of the YJB responded to advise that funding could not be confirmed at this stage; however, as soon as they receive information on the likely budget settlement, they will be writing to all YOTs as a matter of urgency.

Draft Self-Assessment into Management/Governance by YOS:

MS advised that the half day event for the YOS Board to look at this has been scheduled for 6th February.

ACTION: MS to send an electronic invite to the Board members

Inspection Benchmarking Exercise - Key Findings:

It was agreed that the summary report of case file audit outcomes would be presented to the Board every six months.

YOS Performance:

MS/EC are meeting to discuss data reports. MS has discussed with BUSI the reporting on Assets to give a better idea of varying needs in the YOS cohort. DW advised that some YOTs are reviewing their systems.

2. HMIP Inspection Report

The YOS was inspected as part of the Short Quality Screening (SQS) inspection programme over 3 days from 25-27 November 2013. The focus of inspection was case work with young people and their families, and how well the YOS assesses, manages and delivers work across 4 key themes:

- Reducing the likelihood of reoffending
- Protecting the public
- Protecting the child or young person
- Ensuring that sentence is served

The YOS has received very good feedback on its performance. MS went through the key strengths identified by the inspectors and discussed the one recommendation for improvement.

The Board noted the content of the report and the measures that are in place for the recommendation. They formally congratulated MS and her team on the results and NS suggested members take it through cabinet.

ACTION: MB to send an email to staff on behalf of the Board

3. Reoffending Analysis

MS presented a report on the results from the 2012 cohort. The following are a summary of some of the findings:

- Analysis of the 2012 cohort (117 young people) shows that two thirds became crime free (67%).
- The cohort size of 117 is low compared to several years ago, when the cohort size was larger: 252 in 2008 and 208 in 2009. The decrease in cohort size reflects net decreases in first time entrants.
- Out of 117 in the original cohort, 39 young people reoffended committing 128 new offences; this compares well against performance in the previous year when 53 of the 127, in the 2011 cohort, committed 163 new offences.
- Stockton on Tees' reoffending rate for 2012 is 1.09; the lowest rate in six years and below the 13 year average reoffending rate of 1.27.
- The reoffender rate for 2012 is 33%; the lowest rate in 8 years and below the 13 year average of 37% for Stockton on Tees
- Those young people with significant protective factors in their lives are less likely to reoffend:
 - ♦ positive parental attitudes and stability at home
 - ♦ positive peer groups
 - ♦ engagement in employment/training or education

Partners discussed how their respective agencies contribute towards positive factors.

4. YOS Performance

MS presented the quarterly report, which now has the addition of throughput data. Performance is the strongest in a long time. FTE have significantly decreased, which reflects the new Out of Court Disposal (OCD) framework as more young people are being diverted, by Police and the YOS, from the Criminal Justice system. The number of young people sentenced to custody has more than halved. Reoffending has further decreased, with less people offending and committing fewer reoffences. ETE is a local measurement which has improved over the last year. Throughput data

showed that workload in the YOS had increased for the first nine months of 2013/14. The work generated by Courts has decreased; whilst pre court work has increased. The Board advised that they would like to continue to see the throughput data.

5. YOS Review

SM advised that the consultation was initially due to commence before Christmas; however, the inspection and festive period delayed this. Formal consultation will be commencing shortly (30 day consultation). DW/SM are meeting with HR to finalise on 15th January. Further savings in the YOS budget are likely to be made, possibly during 2014 and beyond. SM confirmed that seconded staff posts are excluded from the current consultation process. NS highlighted to partners that this does not prevent those staff, other staff or other stakeholders from contributing ideas / feedback to the consultation process.

ACTION: SM/DW to send proposals from the report to Board members, highlighting any impacts they may have on partner agencies

6. Probation Update

JH advised that as part of the transforming rehabilitation agenda, the split will go ahead at the end of March. The Community Rehabilitation Community (CRC) has appointed a chief, who seems interested in development work. ARCC (local response) was successful in getting through the framework. Splits between staff are taking place and they will be informed this week, but this will not affect the service to YOS, it may just involve movement of individuals. HMIP have decided to inspect the current Trust, but due to capacity they are unable to give their full support and will only be working with them at a basic level. John Graham is taking the lead on Stockton.

7. YOS Managers Report

MS presented a report to update the Board on a number of developments in youth justice impacting on and / or of interest to the YOS Partnership. The Board will consider the implications of the new partnership guidance for the YOS Management Board at the planned self-assessment event on 6th February 2014.

8. Refresh of YOS Management Board information & induction

MS has refreshed this document after looking at the new partnership guidance against the originating guidance. MS to update 'Representation on the Board' and change PCT to PCC. Other than that, the amended terms of reference and other changes agreed by the Board. MS tasked with keeping the document up to date with new strategic priorities once the Youth Justice Plan has been prepared.

ACTION: MS to make necessary changes to the document

9. Feedback from SLSCB

SM advised that the new referral protocol was introduced on 04.11.13 seems to have strengthened procedures. Social care have had a number of inappropriate referrals (none from YOS) which have had to be returned.

A report is being done on what an enhanced CAF team would look like and this will be presented to the Safeguarding Board this week.

The Ofsted single inspection framework brings together child protection; services for looked after children and care leavers; and local authority fostering and adoption services into one inspection. Five inspections were done in November, Hartlepool being one of them and we are awaiting publication of the outcomes. One element of the inspection was the judgement of the Safeguarding Board and whether it is fit for purpose, how the Board can prove it is making a difference to

safeguarding children, self-assessing on criteria. An inspection is not expected at present, but it is possible from April.

One requirement of Safeguarding Boards is undertaking multi agency case file audits, which the Board are overseeing and a range of agencies are to be involved. If a file is picked which has YOS involvement we will look at how we can cover this.

10. Young People in Custody

MR presented information on the current custodial cohort, including criminogenic factors.

11. YOS Health & Safety Audit Report

The YOS had their annual health and safety audit recently and received full assurance, with one recommendation which is already in place.

12. YJB Letter on Information Transfer

The letter was received in November 2013 (this was sent to all YOTS, not specifically us), highlighting issues on young people who have been sentenced to secure estates but the relevant information has not been sent via Connectivity. Checks were done since April 2012 and out of 49 cases, there was one incident where the information had not been sent via Connectivity; however, it looks like it could have been sent via secure email, but this cannot be proven as old emails are deleted as part of data clean up exercises. The Board requested that when information has to be sent via secure email that a copy of the email is printed off and stored for future reference as proof the documentation has been sent.

ACTION: JW to advise admin to print emails when documentation sent via secure to YJB Placement Team

13. Feedback from partners

Nothing to feedback.

14. Future YOS Management Board arrangements

MB thanked JH on behalf of the Board for his contributions to the meeting.

MB announced that it is his last Board meeting and GL will be chair from April. MB thanked MS and her team for allowing him to go out on a high and thanked the Board members for their support. NS thanked MB on behalf of the Board for his contribution and support, which is something he should be proud of as he has chaired these meetings for many years. MS said a few words thanking MB, on behalf of all the team in the YOS.

15. AOB

Next meeting date to be confirmed shortly once a suitable date for everyone is found. MS and GL to identify suitable dates

ACTION: GL to confirm date for the next YOS Management Board meeting

17.01.14/JW/MS/MB