

Title	YOT Management Board	
Date & Venue	10 February 2015	Conference Room, Bayheath House
Attendees:	Geoff Lee (GL) Julie Allen (JA) Emma Champley (EC) Steven Hume (SH) Emma Joyeux (EJ) covering KH Diane McConnell (DM) Steve Rose (SR) Neil Schneider (NS) Miriam Sigsworth (MS) Dave Willingham (DW) Pam Taylor (PT)	Chair Head of Cleveland NPS Strategic Commissioner, Public Health Community Safety and Security Manager, SBC Clinical Commissioning Group Chief Advisor, Education Improvement Service Chief Executive – Catalyst Chief Executive, SBC YOT Manager Interim Youth Direction Manager, SBC Minutes
Guest	Joanne Nelson (JN)	Youth Direction Preventions Manager
Apologies		Action
Apologies were received from Shaun McLurg, Karen Hawkins; Tony Hodgson; Gordon Lang and Karen Turner.		
Meeting Notes/Introductions		
Diane McConnell, replacing Lynda Brown, was welcomed to her first meeting.		
1. Presentation: Preventions		Action
<p><i>Purpose of item to Board: to present information on SBC preventative services and linkages with the YOT & ASB objectives.</i></p> <p>JN delivered a presentation outlining the background, aim and impact of the Youth Direction Prevention Team. The Preventions Team's uses a case management approach, accessing specialist services as and when necessary, regular one to one sessions and improving behaviour with diversionary activities. They have a successful joint approach with YOT, Police and ASB teams via regular meetings to share case information, programme planning and to discuss responses to emerging hotspots. Discussion about emerging issues and trends. JN thanked for her input.</p>		
2. Minutes & Matters Arising from previous meeting		Action
<p>The minutes from 11 November were reviewed and agreed as an accurate record.</p> <p>MATTERS ARISING: <u>Reducing Criminalisation of Looked After Children protocol</u> DW reported that the protocol will be tabled at the forthcoming CYPMT and will subsequently be tabled at the next YOT Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Code of Conduct for Board Members</u> Incorporated within the Board's ToR document. COMPLETED</p> <p><u>Deep Dive into School Exclusions</u> MS requested that this item be deferred to allow the respective education information to be accessed. ACTION: DM & MS to progress. Report to be presented at the next Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Volunteer Event</u> MS confirmed that this had gone ahead.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">DW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DM/MS</p>

3. Annual Reoffending Analysis	Action
<p><i>Purpose of item to the Board: to present and enable board oversight of reoffending outcomes, discuss emerging trends, analysis of 'what works' and identify areas for further focus</i></p> <p>MS presented an analysis of recidivism of the 2013 cohort. The report was in-depth and explored trends, emerging issues and the impact of YOT interventions upon reoffending rates. Reoffending and reoffender rates are the lowest in many years and Stockton's performance is stronger than regional and national benchmarks. The report highlighted key learning from the analysis: YOT interventions do have an impact upon reducing likelihood of reoffending; and that those young people with significant protective factors in their lives are less likely to reoffend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o positive and constructive support from at least one parent o positive peer groups o engagement with positive leisure activities / community activities o positive work ethic and engagement in employment/training or education o emotional resilience <p>The Board discussed key findings and felt that thought needed to be given as to how to share learning with the wider sector. DW advised that it should help to inform the Early Help strategy and EC reported that learning from the previous reoffending report last year had already helped to inform the school nursing approach. ACTION: members to disseminate key points of learning through relevant partnership meetings</p>	All
4. YOT Performance	Action
<p><i>Purpose of item to the Board: to present and enable board oversight of performance taking into account national performance measures, to enable challenge and identify areas for further focus</i></p> <p>MS presented performance figures for Q1-3 of 2014/15, based upon local and national monitoring. Local data highlights that the rate of First Time Entrants (FTEs) continues to fall but the rate in which FTEs are decreasing is, as predicted, levelling off as the new Out of Court Disposal processes become embedded. The YOT partnership is on course to achieve a 5% reduction performance target. Reoffending performance is strong at the moment. The custody rate is slightly above target and is being monitored. To understand local trends, analysis has been undertaken and is tabled at item 5.</p> <p>MS presented an update on the YOT Development Plan, which sits underneath the Youth Justice Plan and shows that key objectives have either been completed or are on course for completion within the required timescales. There have been some delays at a national level with some national projects but timescales are being amended accordingly and the YOT is ready to respond.</p> <p>The YJB have re-commenced quarterly monitoring of YOTs and MS presented the latest YB performance monitoring report for Stockton, which was positive.</p>	
5. Custody Analysis	Action
<p><i>Purpose of item to the Board: to present and enable board oversight of local custody performance, to enable challenge and identify areas for further focus</i></p> <p>MS presented analysis into the Q1-Q3 custody cohort of 2014/15.</p> <p>Evidence shows that in 9 out of the 10 cases analysed, custody was unavoidable either due to the seriousness of the offence(s), persistent offending and/or non-compliance with community options. Also highlighted was the fact that there is a small group of persistent and serious young offenders in Stockton who have already received a significant number of custodial sentences for people of their age and are highly resistant towards engagement with YOT and other agencies. Strategies for dealing with this discussed by the Board and the Board agreed that the findings should help inform the Early Help Strategy. ACTION: YOT to maintain monitoring of custodial sentences.</p>	MS

6. YOT Quality Assurance Report	Action
<p><i>Purpose of item to the Board: to present and enable board oversight of performance, to enable challenge and identify areas for further focus</i></p> <p>The QA assurance report showed the YOT performance has improved since the last audit undertaken in 2014 and is more reflective of what has traditionally been the norm. The overall score in the quality assurance framework was 95% (compared with 82% in November 2014). The Board were assured that quality and performance has returned to previous levels and applauded the hard work by YOT staff, but were keen that this position is maintained. ACTION: To maintain quality assurance as a standing item on the Board's agenda. MS to present a further report in 6 month's time</p>	MS
7. YOT Financial Profile	Action
<p><i>Purpose of item to the Board: to enable scrutiny and challenge of the YOT pooled budget and expenditure and to enable discussion on future planning</i></p> <p>MS presented the YOT Financial Position Statement for the first nine months of 2014/15. MS advised that the YOT income for 2015/16 has been confirmed, which is sufficient to cover the YOT's statutory duties alongside some non-statutory services relating to Triage and Enhanced Out of Court Disposals. The majority of the funding partners are unable to commit to longer term funding at this stage. JA confirmed Probation contribution for 2015/16 but advised that she couldn't commit further. She informed the Board that NOMS are looking at a national formula for YOT funding which will guide future years' contributions. ACTION: financial report to be presented to next Board meeting.</p>	MS
8. Youth Justice Board Updates	Action
<p><i>Purpose of item to the Board: to enable effective Board governance. To ensure the Board are familiar with significant emerging issues and developments, and to enable challenge and identify areas for further focus</i></p> <p><u>'Transforming YOTs': national stock take exercise</u></p> <p>The MoJ has given notice that they are conducting a stocktake of Youth Offending Teams to better understand how local youth justice services are delivered and funded, assisted by the YJB. Stockton YOT will be visited on 23 March. ACTION: pre meeting to be arranged.</p> <p><u>Thematic Inspection Reports presented to the Board:</u></p> <p>a) Troubled Families Programme in England. Discussion about the report's key findings and recommendations. DW indicated that good linkages had been developed between TF and the YOT.</p> <p>b) Girls in the Criminal Justice System. Discussion about the report's findings and recommendations for the YOT service and partnership. MS advised the Board that Stockton YOT adopts a person centred, gender neutral model and that it was timely to consider whether this approach is the most effective. JA offered some learning from adult work with females. ACTION: The Chair will liaise with YOT Manager to discuss in further detail the report's findings and recommendations. A further update will be presented to the Board at its next meeting.</p> <p>c) Extended Supervision for 18 year olds in custody has now been introduced – see Probation update (item 12).</p>	NS MS
9. HMIP Child Protection Thematic Inspection – local benchmarking	Action
<p><i>Purpose: to present and enable board oversight, to enable challenge and identify areas for further focus</i></p> <p>MS presented the findings of a local benchmarking exercise to reflect the position of Stockton YOT against key recommendations of the Child Protection Thematic Inspection. The benchmarking had identified two action points around ensuring escalation procedures were built into the safeguarding</p>	

<p>procedures and ensuring that case recording evidenced information sharing, but that Stockton YOT is in a good position. The Board thanked the team for producing the report.</p>	
<p>10. Feedback from Stockton Local Safeguarding Children’s Board</p>	Action
<p><i>Purpose of item to the Board: to enable linkages and communication between the Board and SLSCB and to ensure the Board are aware of emerging safeguarding issues</i></p> <p>MS gave a verbal update of information on behalf of Shaun McLurg. SLSCB are doing a piece of work on disclosures to the Library Service, relating to notifications regarding offenders. The forthcoming publication of a Serious Case Review was highlighted.</p>	
<p>11. Young People in Custody</p>	Action
<p><i>Purpose: to present and enable board oversight, to enable challenge and identify areas for further focus</i></p> <p>MS presented an overview of the current cohort of young people in custody</p>	
<p>12. Partner Updates</p>	Action
<p><u>Probation</u></p> <p>NPS are working closely with ARCC, who have now assumed responsibility for CRC services. This is a period of transition and change, accompanied by a new sentencing framework for adult offenders and extended supervision of all those who are sentenced to a custodial sentence of more than one day. JA reported that she is meeting regularly with the respective YOT Managers and that good working relationships were being maintained</p>	
<p>13. Reflection on Meeting</p>	Action
<p>GL asked the Board to comment on the meeting and acknowledged that there had been a heavy emphasis upon performance management, but that it was necessary to reflect upon performance to fulfil the obligations of the Board. GL commented on the useful presentation regarding the Preventions Team, with a good fit with ASB objectives.</p>	
<p>14. Any Other Business</p>	
<p>There was no further business to discuss.</p>	
<p>Details of future meeting</p>	
<p>1.30 – 3.30, 5 May 2015 Venue: Conference Room, Bayheath House</p>	