

Title:	Youth Offending Team Management Board	
Date & Venue:	4 th August 2015	Conference Room, Bayheath House
Attendees:	Neil Schneider (NS) Emma Champley (EC) Steven Hume (SH) Shaun McLurg (SM) Miriam Sigsworth (MS) Dave Willingham (DW) Gordon Lang (GL) Steve Rose (SR) Tracey Sullivan (TS) David Eggleston (DE) Jenna Walton (JW)	Chief Executive, SBC (Chair) Strategic Commissioner, Public Health Community Safety and Security Manager, SBC Head of Children & Young People's Services YOT Manager Interim Youth Direction Manager, SBC Chief Superintendent, Cleveland Police Chief Executive, Catalyst, Stockton Legal Team (on behalf of Karen Turner) Probation Lead Manager, Durham Tees Valley Admin Officer (Minutes)
Visitors:	Leon Mexter (LM) – Item 1a Kevin Franks (KF) – Item 1a Akram Hussain (AH) – Item 1b Julie Nixon (JN) – Item 3 Jo Moore (JM) – Item 3	Youth Focus, North East Youth Focus, North East Senior Practitioner, Stockton YOT Head of Housing, Development & Neighbourhoods Resource Manager, Children's Social Care
Apologies:	Diane McConnell (DM) Karen Turner (KT) Julie Allan (JA)	Chief Advisor, Education Improvement Service Legal Team Manager, TMC Head of Area, Cleveland National Probation Service
1. Voice of Young People. Engagement & consultation with YOT service users		Action
<p><i>Purpose of item: the Board to hear the Voice of Young People engaged in services.</i></p> <p><i>Findings of commissioned research into the views and experiences of young service users and the findings of YOT engagement & consultation exercises which can directly contribute to future service planning and design.</i></p> <p>a) “Your Story Counts” – Leon Mexter & Kevin Franks, Youth Focus North East Youth Focus North East were commissioned by the Board to undertake research and consultation with young people on their experiences of the YOT and broader services. LM/KF delivered a presentation on their findings and recommendations. Positive feedback was received from young people about their experiences of the YOT. A particularly striking feature were young people's descriptions of the positive relationship they had developed with their YOT worker. The full report and presentation will be circulated with the minutes.</p> <p>b) Analysis of service user questionnaires – Akram Hussain, Stockton YOT AH presented a summary of the findings of service user questionnaires over the last 2 years and how the YOT had responded to feedback. It is acknowledged that service user questionnaires at the end of court orders do not capture the views of those young people who are re-sentenced to a new Order with the YOT. Thus the YOT is exploring other ways of capturing the views of all young people.</p> <p>The Board acknowledged the positive feedback from the commissioned research. Recommendations from the feedback will be considered further. The Board felt that the YOT could create linkages with the council re the possible use of social media and its engagement / consultation team. The Board thanked Youth Focus: North East for their research and AH for his presentation.</p>		MS
2. Minutes & matters arising from previous meeting		Action
All actions complete. Updates will be provided as part of the agenda items.		

3. Resettlement of Young Offenders	Action
<p><i>Purpose of item to Board: to provide a progress report on work undertaken since the last Board meeting in response to correspondence from the Youth Justice Board (YJB) asking that local authorities and youth justice partnerships satisfy themselves about arrangements for accommodation for young people released from custody.</i></p> <p>MS/JN/JM presented a report to update the Board on developments since the last meeting. Work has taken place within the YOT and with partners to take learning from the experiences of young people and local outcomes. There has also been direct engagement with young people to support this process. As a result, local pathways have been reviewed and changes introduced. A significant project is also underway from the Health & Wellbeing Board to review accommodation and support models for young people aged 16/17 years old and above (if care leavers).</p> <p>It was noted that the work to review accommodation and support models was likely to be completed in six months' time. It was agreed that a further update report would be brought to the Board in six months, detailing perception and impact and effects on re-offending.</p> <p>Concerns expressed by some Board members of safeguarding risks of young vulnerable people in inappropriate accommodation. Discussion took place of risk mitigation and established procedures.</p>	MS/JN/ JM
4. HMI Probation Thematic Inspection in Stockton on Tees	Action
<p><i>Purpose of item to the Board: to report the findings of the HMI Probation Thematic Inspection in Stockton on Tees of "Transition Arrangements" between the YOT and Probation services</i></p> <p>The thematic inspection took place from 1-2 July 2015. There is no individual area / service report published by HMI Probation. Findings of visits to YOTs and probation services are aggregated into a single Inspection report. However, informal feedback was given to the YOT at the end of the visit.</p> <p>Positive feedback was received about the quality of YOT assessments and the management of risk and vulnerability. Inspectors also reported that the YOT was particularly strong in evidencing the 'voice of the young person'.</p> <p>Several recommendations were made in terms of improving practice in transitions. MS advised the Board that work is already underway to action those, in partnership with probation services.</p> <p>A copy of the Thematic Inspection report will be circulated to the Board following publication in February 2016.</p> <p>NS congratulated the YOT on behalf of the Board for the positive feedback.</p>	
5. YOT Performance Report	Action
<p><i>Purpose of item to the Board: to enable scrutiny and challenge of YOT performance relating to youth justice outcomes and the quality of case work. The Report also gave feedback and a perspective from the Youth Justice Board who have a statutory role in monitoring youth justice performance.</i></p> <p>MS presented a report containing an overview of performance of the YOT Partnership in the first quarter of 2015/16, against national and local targets. It was noted that performance has been particularly strong in reducing first time entrants and this is now lower than regional and national averages.</p> <p>Feedback from the YJB was also discussed and noted as positive.</p>	

6. YOT Financial Profile	Action
<p><i>Purpose of item to the Board: to provide information on YOT income and enable scrutiny, challenge and endorsement of planned expenditure</i></p> <p>MS presented a financial profile of the YOT and projected expenditure for 2015/16.</p> <p>Since the report was prepared, NS advised that the local authority has been alerted to proposals to reduce 'in year' financial contributions from the Youth Justice Board (a sum of approx. £65k p/a).</p> <p>The local authority is awaiting further information on the proposals and will keep the Board updated.</p>	MS / NS
7. YOT Managers Report	Action
<p><i>Purpose of item to the Board: to inform the Board of significant emerging issues and developments</i></p> <p>The national stocktake of YOTs has been completed and the Deloitte and YJB reports have been published online. The recommendations of the Deloitte report are currently with ministers.</p> <p>The Go Live date for AssetPlus has possibly been delayed to Spring/Summer 2016. MS will update at the next meeting.</p> <p>MS alerted the Board to an ongoing police investigation alleged to have involved young people in the Stockton area, known to be service users - noted.</p>	MS
8. Feedback from Stockton Local Safeguarding Children Board	Action
<p>SM advised that the Serious Case Review was published today and the report is in the public domain (LSCB website). The Safeguarding Board held a development day, where they looked at the following themes that arose from learning activities and reviews:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voice of child and young person • Professional challenge • Decision making (Child Protection Conference and Reviews) <p>The annual YOT assurance report will be presented to the Board later this month.</p>	
9. Young People in Custody	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, specifically; the number of young people is lower than it has been for some time. The report now contains information on the accommodation upon release.</p>	
10. Children's Services Review	Action
<p>NS advised that the structure was circulated at the last meeting and it is now almost in place, with appointments taking place and slight parameter changes to roles being made. Martin Gray is due to commence his new role of Head of Early Help, Partnerships & Planning and will have responsibility for the YOT. Martin will sit on the YOT management board.</p>	

11. Partner Updates	Action
KHNE was identified as a potential presentation to a future YOT board.	DW
12. Reflection on Meeting	Action
<p>NS was keen to get representation from those submitting apologies at future meetings.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that YOT performance is strong and this is evidenced through performance measurements, quality audits, feedback from service users and the Youth Justice Board. NS alerted to more challenging times ahead in terms of finances and grant funding.</p> <p>The issues around accommodation will be discussed at a future meeting.</p>	
13. AOB	Action
Nothing further to discuss.	
Next Meeting Date & Time	
Wednesday 4 th November 2015, 2-4pm, YOT Conference Room, Bayheath House	