

Title:	Youth Offending Team Management Board, Stockton on Tees	
Date & Venue:	16 th February 2017	Jim Cooke Conference Suite, Stockton's Central Library
Attendees:	Neil Schneider (NS) Miriam Sigsworth (MS) Dave Willingham (DW) Steve Rose (SR) Sheila Whitehead (SW) Steven Hume (SH) Sharon Barnett (SB) Mark Anderson (MA) Pauline Whitfield (PW)	Chief Executive, SBC (Chair) YOT Manager, SBC Youth Direction Manager, SBC Chief Executive, Catalyst, Stockton YOT Team Manager, SBC Community Safety and Security Manager, SBC Senior Probation Officer, Cleveland NPS Chief Inspector, Cleveland Police Admin Officer, Youth Direction (Minutes)
Guest:	Steve Phillips (SP)	Community Volunteer
Apologies:	Linda Bush Emma Champley Neil Dawson Barbara Gill Martin Gray Jo Heaney Diane McConnell Alastair Simpson	Youth Justice Board Strategic Commissioner, Public Health Acting Legal Team Manager (Crime) Durham Tees Valley CRC Head of Early Help, Partnership & Planning, SBC Commissioning and Delivery Manager, CCG Head of Schools and SEN, SBC Cleveland Police
1. Responding to Thematic Inspections: Referral Order Benchmarking		Action
<p><i>Purpose of item: continuous improvement; to update the Board on the findings of a Benchmarking exercise against the findings and recommendations of a HMI Probation thematic inspection report</i></p> <p>SW & SP presented an overview of the recent benchmarking exercise of Referrals Orders by Stockton YOT. Overall the YOT compares favourably. SP advised he feels there is good communication between the community volunteers and the YOT workers and that the team is dedicated and the volunteers willing to learn. MS highlighted that it was considered that having one of the Operational Manager having a consistent focus on Referral Orders and being present and accessible to panel members during panel meetings has helped the YOT Panel to be successful.</p> <p>SP and SW highlighted that volunteers aim to have consistency in working with individual young people and families from start to the end of the Order. SP advised that he follows young people through from initial and review meetings to the final panel meeting and it is encouraging to see what has impacted on the YP and the responses made to witness statements and panel volunteers.</p> <p>SH and MA confirmed the value of the Panel especially in building bridges between YP and the community. YOT Police Officer also able to support</p> <p>SB said it was good that the voice of the child is heard in the final panel meeting.</p> <p>PCC fund 10 places on the Prince's Trust, only 2 have been taken up, referrals can be made via YOT Police Officer.</p> <p>NS queried if SP felt things were not going right, what he would do. SP advised if he had any concerns he would speak to SW and that he feels able to challenge decisions. NS asked that SW arrange a regular event to allow volunteers to hear of the annual report and performance and open questions to the YOT Manager</p>		SW

2. Minutes & matters arising from previous meeting	Action
<p>All actions complete. Updates will be provided as part of the agenda items.</p> <p><i>Post 16 Education Providers:</i> DW advised work is taking place through the YEI and the item to be deferred to the next meeting for DW to provide a broader update.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DW</p>
3. Update: National Review of Youth Justice	Action
<p><i>Purpose of item: to update the Board on the recommendations of the national review and the implications for Stockton on Tees.</i></p> <p>MS presented a report on the recommendations of the National Review and the Government's response. The Government has stated that it will be taking action on some of the reforms, especially those focused on the secure estate. No action is to be taken on proposed changes to the Crime and Disorder Act and the YOT model. MS advised that two secure schools are to be piloted; one in the north and one in the south; locations to be confirmed. An announcement is awaited regarding the future inspection framework for YOTs and YOT partnerships. The Board noted the length of time of the review and the investment that Officers from Stockton had made towards its findings and proposals.</p>	
4. Update: The Youth Review & YOT Model	Action
<p><i>Purpose of item: to update the Board on the SBC review of Youth Services.</i></p> <p>DW gave a presentation on the youth review and the proposed YOT model and how it will help to support and enhance the early help offer in Stockton for young people and families. Going forward the model is to extend restorative approaches. To be implemented from April 2017.</p> <p>SR advised a bid has been made for a one off payment from the lottery, awaiting results. SR suggested that any cross overs between the voluntary sector and YOT is monitored. MA suggested the board look at who else can be approached for help and to link in with these sectors.</p>	
5. YOT Managers Report	Action
<p><i>Purpose of item: to inform the Board of significant emerging issues and developments at both a national and local level</i></p> <p>MS presented a report highlighting some anticipated changes in the leadership of the YJB; and new legislation relating to young people and custody. Partnerships have been notified of a forthcoming thematic inspection into Public Protection work and areas are to be notified in the next few weeks. Several online national campaigns are taking place and partners agreed to circulate information across the partnership. MS reported positive feedback from young people about use of technology. MS provided an updates on the youth violence review and an update of the serious safeguarding incident in custody.</p>	
6. YOT Performance Summary	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 agree performance targets for the forthcoming year</i></p> <p>MS presented a report outlining YOT partnership performance for Quarter 3 of 2016/17. Overall there are positive trends. There has been an increase in first time entrants compared to the same period in the previous year, due to spikes in 2 separate months. The YOT Police Officer has carried out analysis but found there to be no apparent reason for the increase. Rates back to expected levels since October. The number of custodial sentences is high compared to similar areas and this needs further exploration.</p>	

<p>SH queried how many first time entrants were already known to services and could they have been dealt with in a different way. MS to pick this up.</p> <p>MA advised there was also a spike in ASB at the same time which cannot be explained either.</p>	MS
7. Financial Position Statement	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 report detailing the partnership's financial profile for Quarter 3 of 2016/17 and anticipated expenditure. Overall projections show expenditure to be on target.</p> <p>YOT income for 2017/18 is unconfirmed at this stage; most public sector bodies will be awaiting formal sign off of budgets before confirming. SBC have confirmed. MS to update NS on the situation by the month end.</p>	MS
8. Feedback from Stockton Local Safeguarding Children Board	Action
<p><i>Purpose of item: Standing item to ensure linkages between the YOT Board and SLSCB.</i></p> <p>SR reported that work is ongoing to refresh the Board, develop thematic approaches and an emphasis on the assurance role. The role and remit of the LIPSG group is being refreshed towards how the group can bring together outcomes from case considerations, performance, audits, experts from other areas and horizon scanning to inform the learning required across the Board and its partner agencies.</p>	
9. Young People in Custody	Action
<p><i>Purpose of item: to support the Board's oversight of young people in custody.</i></p> <p>Report presented for information. Some discussion about the cohort, including a recognition of the high proportion of young people with SEN who have EHCPs.</p>	
10. Partner Updates	Action
<p>SH advised that in some areas in the country, young people are being used to transport items using rail networks. Local agencies to be alert to this. MS suggested it would be beneficial to speak to the YOT in Darlington and the British Transport Police.</p> <p>Information received from JH that there is to be a review of mental health provision relating to young offenders including pathways in/out the secure estate.</p>	
11. Reflection on Meeting	Action
<p>NS asked the Board for their feedback on the meeting. The Board highlighted the value of getting insight into areas of YOT work and hearing from the relevant teams. NS asked that we continue to allow the Board to experience deep dives into real case work experiences for service users and staff that highlight work, issues and challenges</p>	MS
12. A.O.B	
Nothing further to discuss.	
13. Next Meeting Date & Time	
Tuesday 2 nd May 2017, 2-4pm	