

Aberdeen Community Justice Group Meeting – HMP Grampian

24.1.18

Present:

(AS) Angela Scott, Chief Executive, ACC (Chair)
(CD) Claire Duncan, Lead Social Work Officer, AHSCP
(NG) Nicola Graham, Area Manager, Skills Development Scotland
(KG) Karen Gunn, Head of Mental Health, Learning Disability and Substance Misuse Services, AHSCP
(DH) David Henderson, Civic Forum
(LLB) Dr Linda Leighton-Beck, Head of Social Inclusion/Public Health, NHS Grampian
(EL) Elaine Logue, Chief Insp, Police Scotland
(KM) Karyn McCluskey, Chief Executive, Community Justice Scotland
(DM) Derek McGowan, Head of Communities & Housing, ACC
(MM) Sheriff Morag McLaughlin
(SM) Susan Morrison, Partnership Officer, ACVO
(BO) Bernadette Oxley, Chief Social Work Officer, Aberdeen City
(AP) Ally Prockter, Active Aberdeen Partnership
(AP) Allister Purdie, Governor, Scottish Prison Service
(SR) Simon Rayner, ADP
(FR) Faith-Jason Robertson-Foy, Civic Forum
(AS) Andy Shanks, Procurator Fiscal, Grampian, Highland & Islands
(VV) Val Vertigans, Community Justice Officer

In attendance:

(LS) Lesley Simpson, CJSW Service Manager, AHSCP
(EH) Emma Heffernan, Research Officer, Community Justice Scotland
(AN) Alana Nabulsi, Support Services Manager, ACC
(PT) Paul Tytler, Woodside Locality Manager, ACC
(SG) Stephen Gray, Throughcare Support Manager, SPS

Apologies:

Joyce Duncan, Chief Executive, ACVO
Christopher Macintosh, Assistant Procurator Fiscal, COPFS
Mark McEwan, Modernisation Directorate, NHS Grampian
Ally Birkett, SFRS
Darren Riddell, SFRS
Neil Carnegie, Area Communities & Housing Manager, ACC
Fiona Hendry, Sheriff's Clerk, Scottish Courts & Tribunals Service

Agenda Item	Discussions /Decision	Owner
1. Welcome / Apologies	AS welcomed all and thanked SPS colleagues for hosting the meeting. Apologies were noted as listed above. New members were asked to introduce themselves.	
2. Minute of Meeting on 4 th October 2017	<p>The minute of the last meeting was agreed. The following matters arising were considered (other issues were to be picked up as substantive agenda items):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 1 – wider representation on the Group from NHS Grampian had been agreed (LLB); • Item 2 – use of video conferencing technology to link into Kittybrewster Custody Suite for consideration of mental health issues to be pursued; • Item 3 – CD agreed to lead the Diversion from Prosecution project ; • Item 3 – representation from AHSCP had been agreed in relation to Mental Health (KG and Jane Fletcher); • Item 5 – Elected Member representation was not appropriate on the Group (Elected Members had places on the over-arching CPA Board); • Item 6 – SM was to share brief summaries of the roles of third sector partners with Group members; • Item 6 – no feedback had been received from Group members for wider use of a common questionnaire for clients, so this would not be pursued; • Item 8 – a CJS ‘Programme for Government’ document had been circulated to members. 	KG/CD
<p>3. Improvement Activity Progress Report</p> <p>3i) Summary Progress Tracker</p>	<p>i) The Summary Progress Tracker report providing an overview of progress of projects being taken forward using the Model for Improvement was noted. Leads for the projects and forward actions (where there was no substantive agenda item relating) were confirmed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest Referral – CD (AHSCP) - tests of change being progressed • Diversion from Prosecution – CD (AHSCP) • Quality/Evaluation of CPOs – CD (AHSCP) – Draft Charter to be submitted to next meeting • Alternatives to Remand – CD (AHSCP) 	CD

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3i) Summary Progress Tracker (cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberation from Custody (Housing First) – AN (ACC); • Mental Health & Wellbeing – KG/Jane Fletcher (Head of Hosted Mental Health & Learning Disability Services (prison) AHSCP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Draft Charter to be submitted to next meeting • Alcohol & Drugs – SR (ADP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Draft Charter to be submitted to May meeting - Project Team to include representation from SPS, Criminal Justice Social Work, Children's Services and Police Scotland • Life Skills/Employability – AP (SPS); • Support for Families – Lindsay Jessiman (Families Outside); • Community Engagement (Unpaid Work providers in Northfield) – Kay Diack (Locality Manager ACC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – DM to confirm leadership role with Kay - further draft of Charter to be submitted to a future meeting - a briefing note regarding Unpaid Work, projects undertaken and community involvement to be circulated to group members 	<p>KG/JF</p> <p>SR</p> <p>DM KD CD/LS</p>
3ii) Draft Project Charters	<p>Draft Project Charters were considered by the Group.</p> <p>a) <u>Diversion from Prosecution</u></p> <p>EH updated on current progress. Data provided by partners regarding the proposed target group (16 – 30 year old males) had been difficult to track and so the initial focus of the project was to be around clarifying processes, partner awareness, data recording and information sharing, including in relation to measurement of improvement of outcomes. Phase 2 of the project would consider interventions offered.</p>	

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3ii) Draft Project Charters (cont'd)	<p>With regards to the proposed Aim in the draft Project Charter, it was agreed that this should be narrowed down to cover the proposed target group. It was highlighted that it was not necessarily desirable to target a significant increase in the number of people 'diverted', as this may lead to 'up tariffing' of individuals who may not need to be 'diverted' at all (as an alternative to prosecution). There would be a need to link in with the Arrest Referral project in relation to this to ensure appropriate 'diversions/referrals/earlier interventions' at relevant points in the System. DH proposed inclusion of a Measure relating to future offending, although it was highlighted that it was challenging to collect data relating to this.</p> <p>It was agreed to add a link to the 'Employment Project' in to the Diversion Project Charter, and to include a measure around improving background information included in Police reports to the PF. A revised Project Charter to be submitted to the next meeting. DH highlighted the need to track resources, and AS advised that this issue would be considered by the Community Planning Management Group, having wider implications for CPA.</p> <p>b) <u>Liberation from Custody/Housing First</u></p> <p>AN presented a draft Project Charter. It was noted that there was significant evidence about the effectiveness of the Housing First approach in helping homeless people to sustain tenancies and preventing repeat homelessness. The project related to testing the delivery of this in Aberdeen.</p> <p>The draft Charter was agreed, subject to consideration being given to inclusion of measures relating to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - levels of reoffending of an individual benefitting from Housing First; and - sustainment of tenancy. 	<p>CD/VV</p> <p>AS</p>
	<p>Additional testing (not within the scope of this project) was to be undertaken in relation to use of the Housing First approach with Looked After Children, and it was agreed that data relating to the results of that pilot be provided to the CJ Group for information. AN was requested to come back to the group with a draft Charter relating to potential application of the Housing First approach to a more 'upstream' cohort in due course.</p> <p>c) <u>Employment</u></p> <p>A draft Charter was presented. This was a joint project with the Aberdeen Prospers Group. Further work was needed to clarify baselines and confirm the target % increase. It was agreed that SFRS and</p>	<p>AN</p>

	colleges/universities be invited to join the Project Team, and that measures relating to improvement of outcomes for individuals be included. A revised Project Charter to be submitted to the next meeting.	AP
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3iii)PDSA Cycles in Progress	VV presented an interim report setting out data and information relating to the 'Support for Families' project for which a number of tests of change had been undertaken. Data showed that improvement had been secured. It was agreed that a final report and recommendations be submitted to the next meeting, and that outcomes information be included in relation to impact on children affected.	VV/Lindsay Jessiman
3iv)Barriers to Progress	Members were asked to consider capacity for the involvement of their organisation/service in the projects being overseen by the Group in order to highlight any issues regarding resourcing.	ALL
4. Links to other Outcome Improvement Groups and Locality Partnership Delivery Plans	<p>Charters for projects being taken forward by other CPA Groups, but which were of interest to the CJ Group, were considered.</p> <p>i) <u>Making Every Opportunity Count</u></p> <p>The Charter for a project "Embedding the Making Every Opportunity Count approach to health improvement within Community Justice Services", which is being led by the Resilient, Included and Supported Group, was noted. It was agreed that links be made with the Community Safety Hub, Criminal Justice Social Work, and Housing. Further data to be provided to the CJ Group in due course.</p> <p>ii) <u>Domestic Abuse in Woodside</u></p> <p>A draft Charter for this project, which is being led by the Woodside Locality Partnership, was noted. A number of issues were raised, for consideration by the project team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reduction in the number of offences recorded by Police may not actually mean a reduction in offending; • It could be worth narrowing the focus of the project to target first time or repeat offenders (although there are challenges in identifying first offences); • Consideration be given to broadening the expertise on the Project Team to include representation from Criminal Justice Social Work, ADP and Children's Services; • Change ideas could include something specific to schools; • More detailed data about offenders/offending could be helpful; • The existing Change Ideas could lead to an increase in numbers of offences (rather than the 	LLB

	desired reduction). KM agreed to provide further information about tools/awareness-raising mechanisms which could be helpful and might lead to further Change Ideas.	KM
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5. One Judge One Family	An initial proposal was presented. Agreement had been given by the Sheriff Principal to explore this approach further. A workshop involving relevant partners (including COPFS, Criminal Justice Social Work, Police Scotland, Children's Services and Housing) to discuss case studies was to be planned, in order to inform a possible project and consider potential barriers. A lead for this project was to be identified. Further update would be provided to the meeting in May.	MM/VV
6. Community Engagement, Participation and Empowerment	The meeting was asked to consider how the Community Engagement Group (CEG) could support the CJ Group in developing community participation. Particular support was requested in relation to the Housing First project, in helping people to reintegrate into their communities. It was agreed to accept KM's offer of an input around Community Engagement/Participation by the CJS Head of Communications at the next meeting, to which the Chair of the CEG Group would also be invited.	VV
7. Practice, Learning & Development Group	The Group agreed that the remit of the 'Practice Improvement' group be extended to include 'Learning & Development', and that Community Justice Scotland would chair this in the first instance.	
8. Date of Next Meeting	Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 28 th March 2018, at 10.15am – 1pm, at Pittodrie Stadium, to be hosted by the Active Aberdeen Partnership (AAP). This would be preceded at 9.15am by a visit/information session regarding the current and potential role of AAP and its members in Community Justice.	