

**Aberdeen Community Justice Group Meeting  
Skills Development Scotland  
29.8.18**

Present:

(AS) Angela Scott, Chief Executive, ACC (Chair)  
(CD) Claire Duncan, Lead Social Work Officer, AHSCP  
(SM), Susan Morrison, Partnership Manager, ACVO  
(DH) David Henderson, Civic Forum  
(DM) Derek McGowan, Head of Communities & Housing, ACC  
(DS) David Scott, Head of Learning, Development and Innovation, CJ Scotland  
(EL) Elaine Logue, Chief Insp, Police Scotland  
(IM) Isla Morgan, Scottish Courts & Tribunals Service  
(FJRF) Faith-Jason Robertson-Foy  
(GS) Graeme Simpson, Chief Officer Integrated Children and Family Services  
ACC  
(LLB) Dr Linda Leighton-Beck, Head of Social Inclusion/Public Health, NHS  
Grampian  
(NG) Nicola Graham, Area Manager, Skills Development Scotland  
(JD) John Donaghy, Lead Nurse, Mental Health & Learning Disabilities Service,  
AHSCP

In attendance:

(JS) James Simpson, Performance and Strategy Development Officer (ICS)  
(KM) Kevin Millar, Representing the Violence Against Women Partnership

Apologies:

(FH) Fiona Hendry, Scottish Courts & Tribunals Service  
(AP) Ally Prockter, Active Aberdeen Partnership  
(AP) Allister Purdie, Governor, Scottish Prison Service  
(DR) Darren Riddell, SFRS  
(DWT) David Wilkie-Thorburn, Summary Legal Manger, COPFS  
(JF) Jane Fletcher, Head of Hosted Mental Health & Learning Disability  
(JDu) Joyce Duncan, CEO, ACVO  
(KMc) Karyn McCluskey, Chief Executive, Community Justice Scotland  
(MM) Sheriff Morag McLaughlin  
(NC) Neil Carnegie, Area Communities & Housing Manager, ACC  
(SR) Simon Rayner, ADP  
(VV) Val Vertigans, Community Justice Officer

Agenda Item	Discussions /Decision	Owner
1. Welcome / Apologies	AS welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were noted as listed above.	
2. Minute of Meeting on 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	<p>The following matters arising were considered (other issues were to be picked up as substantive agenda items):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 3- Regarding Referral from Point of Arrest Charter Update: CD Noted that the Charter on hold due to awaiting progression of Police Scotland Hub pilot;</li> <li>• Item 4.ii – Regarding the Update on Alcohol and Drugs: Apologies from SR, update to be deferred to next meeting;</li> <li>• Item 5b – Regarding Domestic Abuse in Woodside Charter: PT Apologies, no further update as project is still in discussion phase. Update to be provided at next meeting if possible</li> <li>• Item 5c - Regarding Domestic Abuse (Coercive Control) Torry. Not progressing a charter on this as Women’s Aid is to receive national funding to provide awareness raising sessions on this topic.</li> <li>• Item 7 Regarding Community Engagement- Tackling Stigma: DH Noted that the Civic Forum were enthusiastic to progress the work. DH confirm that he was happy to lead but informed the group that the Community Council Elections were set for the end of September. If DH is successful in retaining his position he can lead. DH to communicate with VV to inform the CJ Group when this can be confirmed [SEE BELOW FOR FURTHER UPDATE]</li> <li>• Item 9 Regarding the Practice Improvement and Learning &amp; Development Group: NHS and CJD contacts being sought</li> <li>• Item 12 Regarding Update by the Sherriff Principal: Problem Solving Court Pilot to be extended to cover the Shire; there is an evaluation in draft. Will continue to upscale pending additional money. Further details to be provided to the next CJ Group meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Item 2.a Community Engagement Update:</p> <p>DH reflected the views of the Community Engagement Group, his work to date and desire to ensure that the views of those who have had experience of the justice system can be heard, key areas of concern included: Tackling feelings of injustice; Stigma; and engagement and understanding.</p>	<p>CD/EL</p> <p>SR</p> <p>PT</p> <p>CD</p> <p>DH/VV</p> <p>CD</p>

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<p>2. Minute of Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (cont'd)</p>	<p>DH reflected that more research needed to be done to ensure that this was balanced against the need to provide a significant voice as part of the evaluation process without overstepping these existing mechanisms</p> <p>Community Justice asks:</p> <p>CD proposed a clear plan/paper to be provided to the CJ Group, and that a task group be pulled together to look at developing this further.</p> <p>Faith-Jason Roberson-Foy – Request if ACC could support online media Community Engagement. AS advised that care would need to be taken in terms of navigating the legal responsibilities on all partners in terms of information that can be put in the public domain.</p>	<p>DH</p>
<p>3. Improvement Activity Progress Report</p>	<p>The Summary Progress Tracker report providing an overview of progress of projects being taken forward using the Model for Improvement, and the Appendix containing relevant data and update information, was considered.</p> <p>a) Diversion from prosecution (EL) – regarding potential barriers, need to ensure that links to local and national systems are clear. What is within the gift of the CJ Group to influence in terms of systems and data sharing. DS to contact Scottish Government for clarification.</p> <p>The content of the Appendix was noted.</p>	<p>DS</p>
<p>4a) Draft Project Charter for Consideration – Mental Health and Wellbeing</p>	<p>Revisions to this charter have been made in light of the comments provided at the previous meeting.</p> <p><u>Proposed Aim Statement (Revised):</u></p> <p><i>To achieve a 20% increase in the number of clients attending the women’s centre who describe improved feelings of self-worth and empowerment within 6 months from the date of training</i></p> <p>Members provided feedback about the draft Charter including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using Women’s Centre as a distinct group - was this effective? Initial indications were that this had helped improve clients’ feelings of self-worth.</li> </ul>	

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<p>4a) Draft Project Charter for Consideration – Mental Health and Wellbeing (cont’d)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff felt some impotence regarding how to respond appropriately</li> <li>• Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy – Increase in number of mental health workers?</li> <li>• Could this be broader than just the Women’s Centre. How does this Project link to the wider mental wellbeing agenda</li> <li>• Had the staff involved felt that the training helped them? Investigate this further</li> <li>• Do they have relevant training on Cluster b personality disorder – Out of Scope for the project</li> </ul> <p>The group discussed whether this charter should be progressed as an improvement activity by the partnership or simply something that should be done. AS highlighted the discussion held at the recent IJB board re article 15 and suggested that there was a need across the partnership to come together to be clear about what it is doing together around mental health. It was agreed that JD’s work be progressed, but not as an improvement project. It was agreed to progress with a workshop.</p>	<p>JD CD An NHS/HSCP contact TBC VV</p>
<p>5. Links to other OIG Delivery Plans and Locality Plans</p>	<p><u>Young People in Polmont - Note of Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018</u></p> <p>David Scott provided a summary of the previous meeting. DS Indicated that there was a lot of good will for the project and sharing of practice.</p> <p>Suggestions had included getting case studies from older individuals who had been through the system to see what they felt would work better.</p> <p>Progress had stalled at information sharing, it was unclear the extent to which the services involved could share information about the young people in the context of GDPR, particularly those who did not wish to engage.</p> <p>It was agreed that a project charter would be developed for submission to the next meeting.</p>	<p>DS</p>
<p>6. Whole Systems Approach</p>	<p>The Group discussed the opportunity to use the funds re the Reinvigoration of Whole Systems Approach to Youth Justice. A decision on the use and application for this money was deferred to the ICS Board for a decision.</p>	<p>JS</p>

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7. Domestic Abuse – Violence Against Women Partnership Strategy	<p>KM provided an update for the group. Councillor Dunbar will be replaced as chair. At this stage the strategy still needs considerable revision.</p> <p>It is proposed that the VAW Partnership act as a subgroup that reports to the Community Justice Group and provide them with formal recommendations regarding how to improve against this agenda.</p> <p>GS requested that the group also link with the Child Protection Committee strategy to ensure joined up approach for those children who will be impacted by domestic abuse.</p> <p>KM will bring this back to the next CJ Group meeting for further discussion/approval.</p>	KM
8. External Funding Opportunities	<p>The meeting noted a CPA Funding Tracker report which summarised current external funding opportunities.</p> <p>Suggestion to apply for funding (14<sup>th</sup> of November 2018) put to Localities and ICS regarding music as a means for diversion</p>	JS
9. Practice, Learning & Development Group (the Practice Group)	<p>DS provided an overview of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2018. Key points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consideration of whether we should volunteer Aberdeen for participation in the first tranche of the Care Inspectorate’s ‘Supported and validated self-evaluation of Community Justice’</li> <li>- How do we evidence impact of early intervention</li> <li>- How do we reflect Improvement Projects</li> </ul> <p>Further information to be sought to inform a decision.</p> <p>In relation to the role and remit of the Practice Group, it was agreed that the group wouldn’t act as the clearing house for improvement charters because it was taking away from the group’s focus on improvement in practice. It was agreed that the Practice Group would provide evidence of activity in relation to improvement of practice to the next meeting of the CJ Group.</p>	DS
10. Any Other Business	Input to Civic Forum on the 30 <sup>th</sup> of October 2018: Val Vertigans, David Henderson and Faith-Jason Robertson-Foy.	VV/DH/FJRF
11. Date of Next Meeting	10.15 – 13:00 Wednesday the 31 <sup>st</sup> of October 2018. Venue to be confirmed.	VV

