

YOS Partnership Meeting

13/03/2013

Civic Hall

	Attendees: Cllr Jarosz (Chair), Jim Hopkinson (LCC), Alun Rees (LCC), Mark Atherton (YOS), Andy Peaden (YOS), Jean Davey (LCC), John Hazlegreaves (YOS), Neil Moloney (Probation), Paul Domican (YOS), Rebecca Gilmour (YOS), Dianne Browne (NHS), Stephen Deathe (YOS), Tracey Bagley (Court), Pauline Jenkins (LCC), Francis N'Jie (East Moor)	
	Apologies: Julie Staton (LCC), Melanie Jones (WYP), Phil Edwards (Platform),	
		Action
1.	<p><u>Update</u></p> <p>Cllr Jarosz informed the Partnership that she has invited Mark Burns-Williamson to the next YOS Partnership meeting in June.</p> <p>Leeds YOS and Probation are holding an Environmental Awareness day at St Matthias Church, Burley all welcome.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Minutes from the last meeting 05/12/12</u></p> <p>Confirmed as correct.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Accommodation update</u></p> <p>Mark Atherton presented his paper on the update on Marshall House. The YOS have been looking at alternative opportunities and more recently the Asset Management Board (AMB) allowed the YOS to look outside of LCC and they have been looking at Marshall House. The final cost still needs finalising but as an overview it will be around 233k to bring the building back to a 'fit for purpose' building and a further 100/150k for ICT services, structures and changes. In terms of location and what it offers it will be a good relocation for the current Marshall Street office. The legal team are currently in the process of negotiation with the landlord. Once this has been completed a report will go to AMB to approve.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Jarosz to speak to the legal team to try and push forward.</p>	Cllr Jarosz
4.	<p><u>Reports to Partnership</u></p> <p><u>Finance report</u></p> <p>John presented his report and highlighted that the YOS have now been notified from the YJB that the grant reduction will be 8.8%. The YOS will be receiving 202k from the PCC's Office for 2013/14.</p> <p>In terms of recruitment there are a number of posts that have not been recruited in to due to the uncertainty of money/grant for 2013/14.</p> <p><u>Performance</u></p> <p>Stephen presented his paper and mentioned that the new case management system is six months old. There have been a few problems getting information out of the system. However, the YOS can now report on every area which is a great step forward. In the past performance reports have been a bit dry but we are now in a better position and intend to bring more current information and focus on day to day activity of YOS business to give the Partnership more flavour of YOS work. This will give a better picture across the service and a better understanding of how things change in the year. Stephen highlighted in his report a couple of graphs that he has tried out and indicated that he will be developing more, to support a better oversight as to how the YOS is performing.</p>	

	<p>The Partnership had a discussion around the information particularly around Looked After Children and how the graph represents a sudden drop in Looked After Children, Stephen highlighted that this drop was due to a number of Looked After Children turning 18 during this period and anticipates that there might be a slight increase due to LASPO. In relation to the graph on percentage of custody disposal the group thought it would be useful to have a breakdown of other disposals which is an area that is being worked on and will be possible at some point. Stephen also highlighted that the percentage of young people going to custody is decreasing and we have had the lowest number of bednights over the last few months. Francis took particular interest in these figures in relation to the new build for East Moor and if there will be a need for 22 YJB beds.</p> <p>Andy highlighted that there have been a number of difficulties the YOS have gone through in relation to Childview and there was a point where the YOS were unsure if they could submit quarterly reports to MOJ. There has been a lot of hard work from the Performance Team and particular thanks go to Stephen Deathe and David O'Connor for their hard work. We are now in a fortunate position from the other 13 YOTs who are unable to do this reporting. A thank you from the Partnership to the Performance Team for working hard and putting Leeds YOS in this position.</p> <p>Jean Davy raised the query of single view and if we are close to having this system. Stephen mentioned that we are around 18 months to two years away from this system therefore we need local conversations to make sure programmes are being delivered.</p> <p>Action: Jean and Rebecca to meet and discuss processes.</p> <p><u>Managers report</u> Andy presented his report and highlighted a number of areas.</p> <p>Investors In Volunteers (IIV) – Self assessment has been completed and positive feedback received. An assessment day has also been completed where the IIV assessor attended for the day and spoke to volunteers and members of staff. The YOS are still awaiting feedback from this day.</p> <p>User Voice – An event took place with six young people and West Yorkshire Police which gave the young people an opportunity to share their experiences it was a successful event. The Police were very positive and have offered to meet the group bi-monthly. The YOS are re-commissioning User Voice to continue working with young people and are proposing to pull together a youth council. Andy is also looking at the broader inclusion for young people to be part of training programmes etc.</p> <p>Youth Justice Plan – Andy highlighted that the draft plan will come to the next YOS Partnership on Wednesday 5 June.</p> <p>Corporate Parenting – The YOS have recently dedicated a YOS briefing around Looked After Children and our responsibility as corporate parents.</p> <p>Transitions – The YOS and Probation are currently in the middle of developing arrangements. Andy and Neil met just after Christmas to map out ideas a working party has been tasked to put forward proposals. The next YOS briefing on 25 March will be a joint event YOS and Probation to get a bottom up approach from staff re transitions.</p> <p>Action: Andy and Neil to produce a joint report on the transition from YOS</p>	<p>JD/RG</p> <p>NM/AP</p>
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	to Probation for the next YOS Partnership meeting in June.	
5.	<p><u>Stainbeck Report</u></p> <p>Paul gave an overview of the Stainbeck team and highlighted that positive relationships have been developed between Police and YOS from day one and YOS staff have been flexible and positive even through times when there have been numerous issues with ICT. The team was set up to do early intervention work and the police have adapted to this change and are more inclined to divert young people where they can. In terms of assessment not every young person is assessed as most of them are already known to the YOS. If after the assessment has been completed and further work is needed with the young person they will be referred to an area team which will be on a voluntary basis. The pilot was originally envisaged as being for approximately six months but there have been delays in bringing the other two divisions on board therefore the pilot will run until June before a final decision is made.</p> <p>Paul raised a concern that there are a number of young people coming through the custody suite from looked after placements and suggested that it needs looking in to. Alun Rees highlighted that once this has been unpicked further it would be useful to feed the information in to the Multi Agency Looked After Partnership. Jim also mentioned that this information should be fed back to MALAP and look at changing behaviours and becoming more restorative. Also Rob Murray Head of LAC would be interested in this information.</p> <p>Stephen mentioned that the reporting system can pull out re-offending information for Looked After Children.</p> <p>Jean asked Paul if there was a way for the team to check if any young person is involved with the Youth Service, at this moment there is not but is hoping this will change and it is something they can look in to.</p> <p>Chair invited Paul to the next YOS Partnership meeting with Mark Burns-Williamson to discuss his paper as his remit is prevention.</p> <p>Tracey invited Paul to attend the defense solicitors meeting on Monday to formally make them aware of this team.</p> <p>Action: Paul and Tracy to discuss attendance.</p>	PD
6.	<p><u>Out of Court Disposals</u></p> <p>There has been a major change in legislative framework final warnings and reprimands have a limited shelf life. The 2nd week in April new out of court arrangements will start. The most significant change is that the escalator principal has now been removed and there is now the opportunity for young people already in the court system that commit a minor crime to receive an out of court disposal.</p> <p>This is a work in progress in terms of local arrangements. Rebecca has met with West Yorkshire Police so all areas do not have different processes. Meetings have taken place with local police to agree systems and procedures. The YOS are confident there will be a robust set of arrangements for decision making for any young people coming in to Stainbeck. Within the guidelines there is an obligation to consult with YOS. The complexity comes when the Police deal with a young person on the street informally using community resolutions. Interviewing people (not under arrest) can take place at their home address or in a community</p>	

	<p>setting which means communication with YOS will be more complicated.</p> <p>We know 80% of reprimands do not come back to the attention of Police, the art is finding the 20% early and intervening early. For all community resolutions if there is an additional reason as to why the young person comes back to the service/police e.g. Intelligence or family information the YOS will proactively offer interventions on a voluntary basis. All other young people will receive a letter to young person/parent to notify them of the situation and offer an opt in. If a young person is given a youth conditional caution the YOS will definitely work with them.</p> <p>Action: Rebecca to feedback more details.</p> <p>Partnership raised the issue of checking if families are on the families' first list and checking NEET for school attendance. It was confirmed that the Stainbeck team will have these checks in place.</p> <p>Tracey raised a concern on behalf of the Youth Panel LYC about the impression it gives that young people can keep offending and will not be criminalised. Rebecca is looking at guidance for police re outcomes e.g. minor offences community resolutions, further offending resulting in caution etc. If offences are dated e.g. no other offences are committed until 12 months later the process can start again. Don't want to give an inappropriate message. The YOS are currently working with the scrutiny board to put local arrangements in place this is work in progress.</p> <p>Mark highlighted that it is important to work with the Stainbeck team in relation to working with victims.</p>	RG
7.	<p><u>Custody green paper</u></p> <p>The green paper has been published to open up consultation to transforming youth custody. There is a children's version available. The idea has been flagged for schools/academies to take over the running of secure homes. There is a focus on the high costs of custody. Andy and Francis attended the consultation event and highlighted that there is definitely a desire to do something different. A response needs to be submitted by the end of April the YOS is putting a response together with the help of colleagues from the West Yorkshire Consortium.</p> <p>Action: Andy to circulate children's version of the paper.</p> <p>Action: Andy is open to suggestions if anyone would like to feed in to the response please email Andy.</p> <p>It was highlighted how useful it would be to have representation on the Partnership board from Wetherby YOI.</p> <p>Action: Andy to explore possible Wetherby link</p>	<p>AP</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>AP</p>
8.	<p><u>A.O.B</u></p> <p><u>Serious incidents</u></p> <p>There have been two serious incidents since the last YOS Partnership that needs highlighting.</p> <p>A young man received a seven year sentence for two rapes; a Learning Lessons Review (LLR) was completed a while ago. A multi agency report will also be</p>	

	<p>completed which is a great development. The process has not yet been completed but Rebecca will feedback at the next YOS Partnership meeting.</p> <p>A young man well known to the YOS was murdered in mid February. An adult has been arrested and charged. KB was well known to us from 11 years continuously. A report has been submitted to the YJB. The LLR made us reflect on young people's lifestyles what might be seen as normal behaviours, but when viewed collectively raises concerns. The YOS want to reflect how we join this together. As a management team the YOS will deliver training to staff on managing lifestyle risk to be run internally to the service.</p> <p><u>IOM Joint Inspection</u> – Neil Moloney highlighted that he has been notified of a thematic inspection on 3 June</p> <p>Action: Neil Moloney to forward letter to Andy Peaden.</p> <p><u>LLR Youth Service</u> – Jean fed back to the Partnership that following the recent suicide attempt by a young person they are doing workforce development team training and an action plan is now in place. Jean also highlighted that there are a number of internet sites that encourage self-harm and that staff should have an awareness of them. CAMHS highlighted that self-harm has increased by 66%.</p>	<p>NM</p>
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