## **YOS Partnership Meeting**

28 March 2012 Civic Hall. Room 4



	Attendees: Rebecca Gilmour (YOS), Tom Riordan (Chair), Jenny Bright (YOS), Lesley Schofield (YOS), John Hazlegreaves (YOS), Stephen Deathe (YOS), Richard Chillery (NHS), Neil Moloney (Probation), Cllr Jarosz (LCC), Lindsay Gould (Court Services), Jim Hopkinson (LCC), Jancis Andrews (LCC), Robert McCartney (LCC), Victoria Fuggles (YOS)  Apologies: Steve Walker (LCC), Jean Davey (LCC), Sam Millar (WY Police)	
		Action
1.	Minutes of the last meeting (7 December 2011)  Accommodation Issues	
	The Children and Young People's Housing Plan is now in draft. Copies were distributed in the meeting.  Action: Rob to email plan to partnership members, Cllr Blake and Children's Trust Board with a two week deadline for comments. Plan likely to be finalised within a month.	RM
2.	Reports to Partnership	
	Performance (papers distributed)	
	A summary of the quarterly proven re-offending statistics was included in the papers.	
	Re-offending statistics are used by the YJB (alongside those relating to first time entrants to the CJS and rates of youth custody) to make a quarterly risk report on progress. As a result of improved performance against these indicators the YJB has recommended that Leeds be taken out of quarterly risk reporting processes.	
	Finance (papers distributed)	
	YOS finances are on track, with this year's funding cushioned in particular by the Pathfinder as well as the Home Office's youth crime and substance misuse prevention services funding being passported by the Police Authority back to the YOS.	
	Management report (papers distributed)	
	Accommodation Tom raised his concern about Marshall Street accommodation following a second incident of potential asbestos contamination.	
	Action: Corporate property services to be asked to provide a report into alternative accommodation options for Tom by 12pm on Friday 30 March.	
	Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) West Yorkshire YOTS have been invited to attend PCC planning group and partnership groups ensuring young people's issues are promoted in plans for the new commissioner.	JH

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	There was a good news story on BBC news about a young person known to the YOS where she has had her ASBO revoked.	
	Action: Claire to email BBC news link to partnership members.	CD
3.	Statement of Custody	
	Partnership members approved the statement:	
	We believe prison should be reserved for those whose offending is so serious that no other sentence can be justified. Custody cannot address the root causes of young people's offending and is an expensive resource with a poor record in terms of reconviction. We acknowledge the impact of crime on victims and believe that a restorative approach gives the best chance of reducing numbers of future victims by effecting long-term change in the young person.	
4.	Domestic violence developments	
	Jenny Bright explained the YOS developments on domestic violence and working with girls.	
	The YOS is encouraging staff to make enquiries about domestic violence as part of their initial assessment. Two days of training on DV have been delivered to YOS staff, covering both awareness raising and strategies for dealing with both victims and perpetrators of DV. A major new area of interest is adolescent to parent violence.	
	The YOS programmes team have developed a safe relationship programme for boys.	
	Working with girls The YOS has changed its approach to working with girls and has trained 12 specialist girls workers in the area teams New interventions for girls are being developed as well as an intensive programme for girls targeting those who are at risk of custody.	
	The YOS held an International Women's Day at Technorth which was attended by 40 of our girls as well as many of their siblings and mums. The run up to the event the girls created some art work which is on show at Leeds Art Gallery. Some of our girls are trained as peer mentors working alongside Barnardos.	
	Jenny is also feeding in to relevant teams.	
	Action: Jenny to feedback further developments in due course	JB
	Action: Jenny and Jancis to meet and discuss further. Jancis is interested in working together in this area.	JB/JA
5.	Report on YOS programmes work	
	Lesley Schofield distributed papers and discussed the different programmes that the team offers and how they are delivered and improved through use of evaluation. Richard mentioned a goal based outcomes as an evaluation tool that can be revisited after six months with the young person to evaluate further.	
	Action: Lesley to look in to goal based outcome evaluation tools.	LS

## 6. **Serious Incidents** SCR feedback (Child V) Steve Maw was the YOS IMR writer and outlined the facts of the case before summarizing the IMR recommendations. It has been acknowledged that YOS staff had intensive contact with Child V and that a huge amount of effort was put in to support him. YOS deficits were around joint planning with social care. Progress on the recommendations are tracked by LSCB and LSCB have confirmed that all YOS actions have now been completed. The Ofsted evaluation report has recently been received and was positive in its conclusions. RG Action: Rebecca to forward report to Tom Riordan. We are still waiting for the Prison Ombudsmen's report but this may take a while and could generate publicity. There have also been two further safeguarding incidents which involved two young women known to the YOS which required reports to be written for the YJB. Both cases were well managed. A report was written for a young woman that was imprisoned and assaulted. The recommendation for this report was to ensure that we are robust with handover procedures especially around vulnerability through change period. The second report was on an alleged rape. The recommendations from this report was to increase the housing provision in the city appropriate to the needs of vulnerable 16 and 17 year old girls which is now in progress. 7. A.O.B

Platform inspection report is live on the internet.

Action: Phil to send out the link to the Partnership group,

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