



**MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF
EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL COMMUNITY JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP**

2pm, Tuesday 11th June 2019, John Muir House, Haddington

Partnership Members Present:

Neil Mitchel, Police Scotland
Jim Goodfellow, Councillor
David Girrity, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Sharon Saunders, Head of Communities & Partnerships, ELC (Chair ASB Oversight Committee)
Judith Tait, Head of Children & Adult Services, EL H&SCP (Chairing)
Councillor Fiona O'Donnell, ELC
Gavin Philips, SACRO
Nicky Sandford, Homeless Service Manager, ELC
David Abernethy, Governor, Edinburgh Prison
Philip Conaglen, Public Health Consultant, NHS Lothian
Julie Morton, ELC Criminal Justice
Martin Bonner, MELDAP
Nicky Sandford, ELC Housing Options
Emma Mathews, Skills Development Scotland
James Coutts, ELC Housing

In Attendance:

Stephanie Kerr, ELC (Minute Taker)

Apologies:

Lynn Black, Community Liaison Officer, Police Scotland
Marion Ellison, QMU
Caitlin McCorry, ELC Connected Communities Service Manager
Lesley Brown, ELC Education

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Item No.		Action by
1.	<p>Introductions and apologies</p> <p>JT welcomed everyone and gave a quick recap of key issues arising from the previous CJP meeting and reiterated the benefits of partnership working to improve life chances of people in the justice system. NM introduced himself and advised that he would be Chairing the CJP in future meetings and he looked forward to working with partners.</p> <p>Ensure better representation from 3rd sector at future meetings</p>	<p>SK to follow up 3rd sector partners</p>
2.	<p>The minutes from the last meeting was accepted.</p> <p>SK stated these actions were complete and the Annual Report would be added to the next meeting agenda.</p>	
3.	<p>SHORE Standards – presentation by Nicky Sandford</p> <p>Key points from the discussion that followed were:-</p> <p>DA advised that there are currently 56 prisoners in Edinburgh prison due for release to East Lothian in the next 5 years and NS added that there are approx. 16 presentations to the homelessness service per year from prison leavers.</p> <p>The Scottish Government are proposing to abolish the “Local Connection” test in the homelessness assessment process. Discussion followed on how this could impact on statutory requirements and supervision on release. Increased homelessness presentations to ELC could lead to increased demand on housing and social work services.</p> <p>DG added that people released from prison were included in the higher risk of fire death category. This is due to a range of risk factors including substance misuse, inappropriate cooking facilities, lack of smoke alarms and other vulnerabilities. DG asked that partners work with the fire service to identify those at risk.</p> <p>MB explained that some of the difficulty in working with MELDAP clients around fire risks included waiting list times for drug and alcohol treatment services, that the nature of the people accessing the services meant they were not always easy to engage with and they could be fairly transient. MELDAP currently doing work with prescribers and will keep the group updated.</p> <p>NS added that accessing services are issues for those leaving prison and there should be strong links with the SPS and the work</p>	<p>SK – circulate presentation</p> <p>Reshare the information sharing protocol between JM, NS and DA</p> <p>DG asked that partners work with the fire service set up pathways to identify those at risk</p>

	<p>of the GIRFO work stream. This should include and build on the work of the Recovery Hub.</p> <p>FO'D asked NS if it was just about leaving prison or could this link with prevention approaches in community payback orders. NS said she had looked at this when developing the Rapid Rehousing Model and a dedicated homelessness Prevention Officer will work with people at risk of reoffending. NS added that they are using Housing 1st Approaches (two model are currently used in EL) and homelessness officers delivered this by working with key agencies matched with the individual's needs (partners included criminal justice, ASB mental health etc.). NS stated that there had been teething problems delivering the Housing 1st Approach and she added that the Scottish Government were driving this work forward. In EL they are planning to have 50 supported tenancies available over the next 5 years (approx. 10 per year) and these will be targeted to prison leavers amongst others.</p>	
<p>4. and 5.</p>	<p>It was agreed to merge the agenda actions 4 and 5 as these covered the same action areas.</p> <p>Update on priority areas for 2019/2020 work development (formed around the structural outcomes of East Lothians Local Outcome Improvement Plan, pg 14)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. “Doing things Differently” – GIRFO b. Community Engagement c. Early Intervention <p>GIRFO - NS updated on the first meeting of the Getting it Right for Offenders group:- issues had been discussed such as the related work projects/ programmes (Transform, Connect, etc.) and early actions were focused around identifying the current baseline of provision and plotting the pathways through these for offenders. PC asked that the group considered using an alternative word for offenders as this carried stigma post release from prison. Suggestions included “those that have offended” or “people with convictions”.</p> <p>Community Engagement – SS updated that this group had not yet met but plans were underway to do so. A service manager had been asked to lead the group but they had not yet confirmed this position. Membership of the group would include the Public Protection Unit (PPU), Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and a communications officer. Other partners such as Community</p>	<p>To take back to GIRFO a discussion around an alternative word for “offenders”</p> <p>Short session with CJP members on the strategic messages we want to give to stop people</p>

	<p>Councils and Tenant and Resident Associations will be included in the group at a later stage. A first task for the group would include identifying key messages and this would be achieved by using data (such as the education “See Survey”, SALAs, citizens panel data re perceptions etc.). This would then form a communications plan which would be agreed via the CJP. Other key partners in the dissemination of the communication would include the IJB, Area Partnership, and the Rural Crime Partnership. FO’D asked if there was any involvement with faith groups in our work with communities as they can often offer community based support. MB replied that MELDAP were looking at working with the community (this could be neighbour, friend, family or the local shopkeeper) to help support people with histories of offending.</p> <p>Early Intervention and Prevention - NM updated that the group had their first meeting and a range of partners had attended including youth justice. Key areas for action were around establishing the base line of services and pathways through these. There is a need for a timeline and evidence that we have made a change showing tangible results. NM advised that they had limited numbers in groups and intended to keep actions achievable.</p> <p>NM advised they were working with schools on the transition agenda as this was a key time for intervention with young people and they were working to support families and reduce costs from over using secure accommodation. EM talked about the role of SDS in schools and targeting young people at an earlier stage and is keen that SDS support this work. MB also offered MELDAPS assistance to work with young people.</p> <p>DA asked what the implications could be for the work of this group on the age of criminal responsibility shifting to the age of 12. NM replied that greater information sharing with education service would be key. There was anecdotal evidence from teachers that the intake of S1s had been the most challenging they have seen.</p>	<p>offending, reoffending etc.</p> <p>SS to arrange a visit to Edinburgh prison to hear the voices of prisoners.</p> <p>Work stream sponsors and leads to meet to set direction and identify what is achievable.</p> <p>SDS to attend this work stream</p> <p>NM and MB to discuss MELDAPS involvement in this work stream</p>
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