



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

2pm – 4pm, Wednesday 31st March 2021, hosted on MS Teams

Partnership Members Present:

Neil Mitchell (NM), Police Scotland - Area Commander, (Chair)
Iain Gorman (IG), H&SCP - Head of Operations, (Vice Chair)
Jim Goodfellow (JG), ELC - Councillor
Judith Tait (JT), ELC - Chief Operating Officer Children's Services & CSWO
David Abernethy (DA), Scottish Prison Service - Governor, Edinburgh Prison
Martin Bonnar (MB), MELDAP - Service Manager
Maureen Allan (MA), Chief Officer - Volunteer Centre East Lothian (VCEL)
Professor Marion Ellison (ME), Queen Margaret University
Nichola Cochrane (NC), Service Manager - Mental Health and Substance Misuse (MHSM)
Philip O'Kane (PO'K), Client Support Advisor, Team Leader – Social Security Scotland (SSS)

Others in Attendance

Stephanie Kerr (SK), ELC - Community Justice Coordinator
Justine Sharp (JS), ELC – Justice Social Work Services (Minute Taker)
Trish Carlyle (TC), H&SCP – General Manager
Ciara Webb (CW), ELC – Justice Social Work Services
Nicky Sandford (NS), ELC – Housing Options Team
Sharon Saunders (SS), ELC - Head of Communities & Partnerships
Alannah Juchniewicz (AJ), Police Scotland - Community Liaison Officer
David Girrity (DG), Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Kirsty MacDiarmid (KM), Public Protection Service Manager
Christopher Brand (CB), Skills Development Scotland (SDS)
Shamin Akhtar (SA), Cabinet Spokesperson for Health and Social Care

Apologies:

Caitlin McCorry (CMC), ELC - Connected Communities Service Manager
Julie Morton (JM), ELC - Justice Social Work Services
James Coutts (JC), ELC - Housing
Lynsey Davidson (LD) – Skills Development Scotland (SDS)

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Item No.		Action by
1.	<p>Introductions and apologies NM welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies.</p> <p>January minutes agreed with the following caveats. Change of language/ terminology requested for two items.</p> <p>December minutes agreed as an accurate record.</p>	<p>SS & DG to confirm correct language.</p>
2 a)	<p>Actions from previous meeting Most actions complete. Outstanding actions were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For NS (Nicky Sandford) to speak to Iain Gorman re the role of public health in the GRRR workstream (carried over from January 2020). 8. Delivery of trauma informed training in more detail as “Pan Lothian Recovery Action”. It was agreed that the trauma informed approach should be rolled out to Elected Members too. 9. Agree who will own and manage the CJ Twitter account. 10. Evaluate TRANSFORM and CONNECT. 18. Draft LOIP - service mapping detail to be added to VCEs website. 20. Monitor releases from remand without a service (Scope – 6 months). 25. KMacD to have discussion with DA re. Equally Safe Priority 4. 	<p>NS</p> <p>JT - To be kept as an action.</p> <p>CMC/JM/CW</p> <p>DMacD/JM</p> <p>SK - To remain as an action.</p> <p>JM</p> <p>KMacD</p>
3.	<p>Update of CJP Role and Remit, and Membership</p> <p>SK talked members through the proposal to amend the CJP existing ‘role and remit’ paper to allow for the addition of new members. The existing role and remit allowed for a maximum of 17 members and SK noted that other organisations had expressed an interest in joining the CJP. She requested that the members have a look at the proposed changes and get back to her with their agreement via email.</p>	<p>SK</p>
4.	<p>Community Justice Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2021-24 (CJ LOIP)</p> <p>SK talked through the draft CJ LOIP 2021-2024, giving the background to the activities leading up to the development of the LOIP. Notably, these were the Transitional LOIP which covers the period from 2021-2021 (where the previous version of the LOIP had expired) and the Self-Evaluation and Validation processes, supported by the Care Inspectorate, which resulted in the Improvement Action Plan.</p> <p>a. Sign off Transitional LOIP</p> <p>SK talked through the 4 actions within the Transitional LOIP, explaining that they were all either complete, or due to be completed by June 2021. SK highlighted that there had been a number of consultation and engagement</p>	

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	<p>activities during the last two years with people using Community Justice services, and their input had helped shape the LOIP for 2021-2024. More detail on this engagement can be found in the “Participation Statement” appendix 7, of the draft LOIP.</p> <p>Members approved the completion of the Transitional LOIP with a view any outstanding actions are recorded in the new version of the LOIP.</p> <p>b. Review of the Self-Evaluation and Validation Improvement Action Plan Members approved the new dates in Improvement Action Plan which had been modified in light of the Covid 19 pandemic.</p> <p>c. Draft CJ LOIP 2021-2024</p> <p>SK talked through the draft LOIP and made specific reference to section 3, which is the “Our Approach Section”, as this was the part that framed the ethos of the CJP and gave the direction moving forward for the role of the Community Justice Coordinator. It focused on using current evidence on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), Trauma Informed Practice, Whole Systems Approaches and the research around Severe and Multiple Disadvantage (SMD) (from the Hard Edges Scotland report) to form a supporting ethos that framed our aspirations to deliver ‘smarter justice – better outcomes’. Section 4 of the draft LOIP highlighted the current demand on our Community Justice Services and how this data helped to update the actions in the workstreams as detailed in section 5, ‘Our Improvement Actions’. SK and NM asked that all feedback on the draft be forwarded by 12th April.</p> <p>d. Public consultation</p> <p>NM asked the members for suggestions on how to take forward the public consultation on the LOIP and the below actions were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CW, SK, CMC & SS to discuss the LOIP consultation plan • SK to explore further the possible summary suggested by DA <p>SA offered to use the Alcohol & Substance Misuse Group as support to help with the consultation process. Both MA and DA also offered their support. Consultation was agreed by all regarding how to get involved.</p>	<p>Feedback to be sent to SK/NM</p> <p>SK/NM</p> <p>CW/SK/CMC/SS /DA</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Trauma Training</p> <p>JT confirmed that this was going to be a slow process due to the number of staff and the level of training required. All partnership members were asked to provide JT with any good suggestions/practice currently used within their departments, which they felt would be useful.</p>	<p>All</p>
	<p>Updates from Workstream Leads</p> <p>a. Getting it Right to Reduce Reoffending</p> <p>NS informed the partnership that the group met on Friday 22nd January and the next meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 11th May. The Housing First final protocol is to be confirmed mid April, and rolled out as of 1st May. NS hopes to have some positive feedback regarding this at the next meeting.</p>	<p>JT</p>

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	<p>NC mentioned that the Mental Health and Substance Misuse team had received funding from the workstream.</p> <p>b. Early Intervention & Prevention</p> <p>AJ provided a brief update. The workstream last met on Tuesday 23rd February 2021. The Mental Health and Wellbeing services are continuing to work remotely (via phone/email). She informed the partnership that the six new youth mental health workers had settled into the local high schools, and were trying to resume some sense of normality. A new website has been created regarding mental health for young people. AJ offered to circulate the link to the website if any members were interested in having a look. The next workstream meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 5th May.</p> <p>NM mentioned that he was currently working with SS's and JT's teams in order to tackle youth related disorder. Recently there had been several violent incidents reported of youths vandalising the local buses. This time last year, local youths were socially gathering in their hundreds, going against government guidelines. There were also incidents reported, in which, the use of Nitrous Oxide canisters occurred.</p> <p>c. Community Engagement</p> <p>CW informed members that the Street Cones workshops started at the end of March and that people with outstanding Unpaid Work Hours were attending. They are still awaiting a final date for the production but a small number of people will be invited to attend the show.</p> <p>£4000 funding has been given to Heavy Sound, to take forward a Peer Mentoring project and a manager starts post in April.</p> <p>There are plans to update ELC community justice webpages and the work proposed for a prison leavers guide is on hold for the minute.</p> <p>It was suggested that it might be worthwhile to create something which would promote the successes of the Workstreams, for example, a newsletter.</p>	<p>AJ</p> <p>CW/CMC</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Long term substance misuse</p> <p>a. Drug Deaths Task Force</p> <p>IG informed the partnership that a meeting had been held with partner services across the region. After the success of Police Scotland's Operation Juneau last summer, it was agreed, in the short term, to provide an alcohol/misuse service. This would initially last 3 to 6 months and then be subject to review. This service is to be known as the Alcohol and Drugs Harm Group (not the Drug Deaths Task Force).</p> <p>DA & IG agreed to have a further discussion regarding people leaving prison (near miss occurrence – drugs).</p>	<p>DA/IG</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Community Justice Finance</p> <p>PV has advised that all funding has been spent. SK shall produce a formal spreadsheet to show the transparency of finance in Community Justice. This shall be circulated out to partnership members in due course.</p>	<p>SK</p>

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8.	<p>Community Justice Data</p> <p>No actions. No further updates available.</p>	
9.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Outcomes Performance and Improvement framework (OPIF) is under review by Community Justice Scotland.</p> <p>JG raised national changes in local connection element of homelessness legislation. NS confirmed that a ministerial statement was published on 22nd March which stated that the changes to local connection tests had been delayed due to covid. She shall circulate a copy of this statement out to partnership members.</p>	<p>IG/SK</p> <p>NS</p>
10.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 10th June 2021, 11am – 1pm (MS Teams)</p>	