



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

12.30 -14.30pm, Thursday 7th November 2019, John Muir House, Haddington

Partnership Members Present:

Neil Mitchell, Police Scotland (Chair)
Jim Goodfellow, Councillor
David Girrity, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Sharon Saunders, Head of Communities & Partnerships, (Chair ASB Oversight Committee)
Judith Tait, Head of Children & Adult Services, EL H&SCP
Fiona O'Donnell, Councillor
David Abernethy, Governor, Edinburgh Prison
Philip Conaglen, Public Health Consultant, NHS Lothian
Julie Morton, ELC Justice Social Work Services
Martin Bonner, MELDAP
Emma Mathews, Skills Development Scotland
James Coutts, ELC Housing
Lynn Black, Community Liaison Officer, Police Scotland
Caitlin McCorry, ELC Connected Communities Service Manager
Stephanie Kerr, Community Justice Coordinator (Minute Taker)
Iain Gorman, Head of Operations, H&SCP
Nicky Cochrane, Service Manager Mental health & Substance Misuse, H&SCP

Others in Attendance

Ray Jones, Care Inspectorate
Carol Jenner, ELC Policy & Performance Manager

Apologies:

Gavin Philips, SACRO
Nicky Sandford, ELC Housing Options Manager
Eliot Stark, Strive

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Item No.		Action by
1.	<p>Introductions and apologies</p> <p>The Chair of the Community Justice Partnership (N Mitchell) welcome everyone to the meeting and thanked R Jones from the Care Inspectorate for his attendance.</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting were approved as an accurate record.</p>	
2.	<p>Self-evaluation & validation process.</p> <p>R Jones led the discussion around the self evaluation & validation process. This included giving detail on each of the Quality Indicators (QIs) being evaluated:</p> <p>6.2 Planning and delivering services in a collaborative way 8.1 Effective use and management of resources 9.2 Leadership of strategy and direction</p> <p>R Jones went on to describe what would be <u>good evidence</u> to back up the confidence statements to support the submission to the Care Inspectorate. These were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must show action and inception of ideas. I.e. how did the Partnership decide to set priorities? - What moved the partnership on. I.e. review of services, Education & Children’s Social Work. - Evidence needs to inform understandings. <p><u>Not so good evidence includes:</u> posters, leaflets and minutes as these don’t demonstrate that action was agreed and taken forward. They don’t show change.</p> <p>In terms of good evidence under the QIs:</p> <p>6.2 – the CJP need to demonstrate their plans are based on the understanding of local needs and the relevant issues. - The evidence base needs to be tangible. Show the direction of work and that what was implemented has worked. I.e. integrated service delivery.</p> <p>8.1 - exploring opportunities to “spend to save” 9.2 – working with hard to reach partners (3rd sector groups)</p>	<p>Here is copy of the “Approach to the Self Evaluation”</p>
3.	<p>The Review of the EL Community Justice LOIP</p> <p>S Kerr give a short update on the progress to date on the review of the EL CJ Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP). She highlighted that the progress on this had been slightly delayed due to the self evaluation process taking priority. There are key elements of the review process which are taking place and these are:</p> <p>A <u>Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA)</u> on Community Justice. S Kerr stated that some data had already been gathered from Community Planning and Adult Services but a more holistic approach to data gathering we be required. A group discussion</p>	<p>Action – SK to arrange an “intelligence meeting” in December</p>

	<p>followed around other current SNAs that had taken place recently (Housing and MH/ AS services) and P Conaglen suggested a Intelligence group be set up and interested members include: N Cochrane, Phil Conaglen, M Bonner, N Sandford/ R Pringle. S Kerr went on to say that a <u>review of the existing LOIP</u> would be needed to identify any outstanding actions, and to provide an update on completed actions. There were plans to hold a <u>service mapping event</u> in February 2020 to help Partners network and identify other service opportunities for their clients. <u>Actions for the 2020 onward LOIP</u> would be taken from the 3 workstream action plans.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Updates and current position</p> <p>a. Actions from previous meeting – completed</p> <p>b. CJ Scotland event for Partnership Chairs.</p> <p>N Mitchell told the Partnership Members about his and Councillor Goodfellows recent attendance at a meeting called by, and lead by Community Justice Scotland (CJS). N Mitchell advised the partnership that key national priorities for CJS were: reducing the prison population and implementing the presumption against short sentences (PASS). N Mitchell acknowledged that while the prison population from EL was fairly low it was up to us as a partnership to ensure prisoners did not end up back in prison on release. In terms of supporting PASS, N Mitchell described a task which CJS had asked of each CJP and this was to complete a template that gave detail on the options for “Local Area Disposal” (LADs) options. This information was to be passed to the Sheriff so they could make an informed choice when giving sentences shorter than 1 year. J Morton added that the was an expectation that in delivering PASS, local services would see a greater number of clients with more complex needs than had gone before.</p> <p>c. Impact on East Lothian of loss of SPS Through Care Support Service</p> <p>D Abernethy (SPS) gave an update on the prison services ability to provide through care services and informed the partnership that, if staffing issues were to be resolved the service would be reinstated. It had been 8 weeks since the service had stopped. J Morton added that we have a voluntary through care service in East Lothian and there wouldn’t be as much of an impact on prison leavers as previously thought. The voluntary through care services provided by Justice Social Work had a high up take.</p> <p>D Abernathy advised that the information sharing protocols had been implemented and had the potential to work well in terms of securing better offender outcomes post release.</p>	<p>Distribute LADs template to CJP members. (attached to email)</p>

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5.	<p>Updates from workstream leads</p> <p>Early Intervention & Prevention This workstream have meet 5 times and have a good representative membership. Action plan and remit to be finalised at December meeting. Key activities include diversionary projects and the resurrection the Multi Agency Screening Group.</p> <p>Community Engagement Membership has been agreed and the workstream have met twice. Key activities have been around setting up a new webpage and developing a social media profile. C McCorry asked what the members thought about an EL CJP Twitter account?</p> <p>Getting it Right to Reduce Reoffending The workstream have met twice and have an action plan and remit to be agreed at the end of November. There's a strong focus on housing related issues and a wide membership of local service providers.</p>	Agreed to send workstream remit to member's and draft action plans
6.	<p>The EL Annual Community Justice Report A copy of the final report can be found on the new Community Justice Webpages</p>	
7.	<p>Date of Next Meeting(s) Thursday 30th January 2020, 10am-12noon, Brunton Hall (Regent Room), MUSSELBURGH</p>	