

East Lothian Community Justice Partnership



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

2pm-4pm, Tuesday 9th June, hosted on MS Teams

Partnership Members Present:

Neil Mitchell, Police Scotland - Area Commander, (Chair)
Iain Gorman, H&SCP - Head of Operations, (Vice Chair)
Jim Goodfellow, ELC - Councillor
Judith Tait, ELC - Chief Operating Officer Children's Services & CSWO
Fiona O'Donnell, ELC - Councillor
David Abernethy, Scottish Prison Service - Governor, Edinburgh Prison
Julie Morton, ELC - Justice Social Work Services
Martin Bonnar, MELDAP - Service Manager
Caitlin McCorry, ELC - Connected Communities Service Manager
Nicky Sandford, ELC - Housing Options Manager
David Girrity, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Nicky Cochrane, H&SCP - Service Manager Mental Health & Substance Misuse
Emma Mathews, Service Manager - Skills Development Scotland (SDS)
Maureen Allan, Interim Chief Officer - Volunteer Centre East Lothian (VCEL)

Others in Attendance

Stephanie Kerr, ELC - Community Justice Coordinator (Minute Taker)
Trish Carlyle, H&SCP – General Manager

Apologies:

Gavin Philips, SACRO
James Coutts, ELC - Housing
Sharon Saunders, ELC - Head of Communities & Partnerships
Lynn Black, Police Scotland - Community Liaison Officer
Philip Conaglen, NHS Lothian - Public Health Consultant

Item No.		Action by
1.	Introductions and apologies NM welcomed MA to the meeting as this was the first she had attended in the role of Interim Chief Officer, VCEL. NM highlighted that the 3 rd Sector were pivotal in delivering successful outcomes for	

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	<p>people with experience of community justice in East Lothian and it was good to have VCEL on-board.</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting (January 2020) were approved as an accurate record.</p>	<p>SK to put agreed minutes on to ELCs committees webpage.</p>
2.	<p>Actions from previous meeting</p> <p>a) One outstanding action was for NS to speak to Jon Turvill (Clinical Director of H&SCP) re the role of public health in the GRRR workstream.</p> <p>b) JT mentioned the Independent Care Review (for care experienced children) and more detail on this can be found here: https://www.carereview.scot/destination/independent-care-review-reports/ JT added that the ICR agenda had a clear link in to the Early Intervention and Prevention workstream.</p>	<p>JT to circulate ICR report (complete)</p>
3.	<p>Overview of Covid related CJ issues across Scotland</p> <p>SK gave a round up of some of the pressing national issues in community justice amid the response phase of Covid 19. The biggest issue arising was the implementation of the 'Early Release Scheme' which aimed to reduce the number of prisoners across the Scottish prison estate to minimise the risks associated with overcrowding and close contact. Across Scotland it is proposed that a significant number of prisoners would be released through the scheme. In East Lothian, this meant 4 people were released early. NS and DA are working closely to ensure that all early release prisoners have suitable accommodation on return to East Lothian.</p> <p>Other national issues include the limited number of cases going through the court system, post arrest and the length of time taken to process people through Court is increasing.</p> <p>More information on community justice and Covid 19 can be found here: https://communityjustice.scot/news/covid-19/ and http://www.ccpScotland.org/cjvsf/hot-topics/covid-19/</p> <p>Update from Partners in relation to their area of provision and Covid 19 were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DA (SPS) gave an update on the early release scheme in Edinburgh prison and advised the processes in place had worked well. - GP (SACRO) advised that the Shine (mentoring service) and New Routes continued to run. New Routes had continued to support people on liberation. - EM (SDS) advised work had been ongoing where appropriate and agreed to meet with ME in relation to a shared programme of works with QMU. 	<p>DA to send SK Accommodation Data (complete)</p> <p>JM/ GP/ NC to discuss SHINE</p> <p>EM/ME to meet to discuss shared programme</p>

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<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Self Evaluation and Validation Process update</u></p> <p>a. SK asked if anyone had any objections to the final Report and Validation letter from the Care Inspectorate going on ELCs website? It was agreed that as long as the report was checked to ensure confidentiality then it would be prudent to have it available to the public.</p> <p>b. <u>Self Evaluation Improvement Action Plan</u> JM presented the plan (which was an output from the self evaluation process) and asked how the Partnership would like to take the implementation of this plan forward. Discussion followed around the proposal to form a short life steering group to lead on the delivery of this action plan. SK agreed to draft a 'Terms of Reference' for this group and circulate to the wider partners for comment. Once agreed, a date would be set for an inaugural meeting.</p> <p>c. <u>EL CJ Transitional Local Outcome Improvement Plan (T LOIP)</u> JM presented the 'T LOIP' and reiterated that this plan was to allow the CJP to move through the actions contained within the Improvement Action Plan before compiling the 2021 Onwards LOIP. JM invited questions from partners in relation to its content and there was agreement that the T LOIP contained the correct actions to allow the partnership to move forward. JT commented that, as a CJP, we had a role in raising the profile of domestic abuse, highlighting the issues experienced by young people in volatile domestic situations. The partners agreed we need to be looking at how we can do things differently by linking with other Governing groups such as the shared Public Protection Unit. IG asked if we should add an additional paragraph to the T LOIP around Covid and the implications on the community justice agenda in the short term, and it was agreed we should.</p>	<p>SK to check report and make available on line.</p> <p>NM to speak to M Paden re Domestic Abuse stats in EL</p> <p>JM to add paragraph on Covid 19</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Community Justice Coordinator work plan update</u></p> <p>a. Service mapping and additional information for ALISS SK advised that the service mapping was under way and would be presented at the next meeting. MA (VCEL) added that they had a database that could also be used to present the relevant service information.</p> <p>b. Strategic Needs and Strengths Assessment (SNSA) JM asked partners to consider using some of the 12.5K from the Scottish Government extra funding for community justice to outsource the SNSA. ME asked if QMU could support the partnership to developed the SNSA and this proposal was warmly received by members. Agreed that SK/ JM/ ME would meet over the next few weeks to discuss this further.</p> <p>c. Community Justice Annual Report SK advised that the Community Justice Annual report was due for submission to Community Justice Scotland before the 25th</p>	<p>SK/MA to meet to discuss the database</p> <p>SK/ JM/ ME to arrange a meeting</p>

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	September and that partners should expect to be asked for information on their service areas.	
6.	<p>Updates from workstream leads</p> <p>a. Early Intervention and Prevention SK updated that the workstream had met once recently and looked at what the emerging issues were. Partners identified that there had been a rise in the number of ASB incidents reported for young people and that these young people weren't usually involved in AS Behaviour. There have also been reports of increased use of nitrous oxide among young people and the cartridges were being left lying around in public spaces.</p> <p>b. Community Engagement CM updated that the workstreams last meeting had been postponed due to Covid but would be reconvened in September/October. An email was sent out to members asking for service updates and what the impacts of Covid has been on their service. The common response was getting services ready to open given Covid restrictions given the limitations of public buildings.</p> <p>c. Getting it Right to Reduce Reoffending NS updated that the workstream had been postponed but had a meeting set for mid September. The members of the group were also emailed asking for updates and feedback was around not having face to face contact with service users.</p> <p>d. NM mentioned the additional 12k from the Scottish Government and the group agreed to allocate 4k of it to each of the workstreams. The workstream leads agreed to come up with some suggestions for spending this for the next meeting.</p>	<p>Workstream Leads Update to be carried forward as the focus for the next meeting.</p> <p>All to think about possible options for spending the extra allocated 12K from the Scottish Government.</p> <p>Workstream leads to suggest areas for spending the additional funding.</p>
7.	<p>Date of Next Meeting(s) September 28th, 10am -12noon, hosted on MST Teams</p>	Invite to follow