

Note of meeting: REDUCING REOFFENDING BOARD

31 January 2017, City Hall 9.30-11.30

Attendees

- Sam Cunningham (MOPAC, chair)
- Ade Fashade (LVSC)
- Alva Bailey (London Councils)
- Alison Keating, (PHE)
- Andrew Nicholson (HMCTS)
- David Rogers (MoJ)
- Denise Donovan (DWP)
- Emily Thomas (HMPS)
- Geeta Subramaniam (Lewisham)
- Hannah Halls (MOPAC)
- Helga Swidenbank (CRC)
- Ian Bickers (HMP Wandsworth)
- Jennifer East (MPS)
- Julia Denton (HMPS)
- Kate Aldous (Clinks)
- Kilvinder Vigurs (NPS)
- Leighe Rogers (Sutton)
- Mirelle Lloyd Taylor (YJB)
- Rangan Momen (London Councils)
- Rob Clarke (CRC)
- Ruth Bloomfield (MOPAC)
- Tania Coulson (MPS)
- Tom Burnham (MOPAC)

Apologises:

- Dave Weston (HMCTS)
- Lisa Harvey-Messina (YJB)
- Cmdr Neil Jerome (MPS)
- Nikki Lang (Sutton)
- Steven Bradford (HMPS)

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome and apologies

Sam Cunningham welcomed board members to the October Reducing Reoffending Board

Agenda item 2 – Police and Crime Plan update

Sam updated the board on the Performance Framework for the Police and Crime Plan (document attached) and informed the board that MOPAC is moving away from the MOPAC 7 targets and moving towards High harm and Volume crime priorities for each Borough.

The High harm priorities are set as Pan London and will have to be considered by all boroughs. The High Volume Crimes will be set through consultation with the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Borough Leader, Borough Commander and Senior MPS representatives.

There are also two further performance indicators; A better Police Service for London and A Better Criminal Justice Service for London. The latter of these will be monitored through the Reducing Reoffending Board.

Sam Cunningham informed the board that the formal consultation ends on March 2nd and asked them to keep in mind the Performance Framework when responding.

YJB asked if County Lines will be an area of focus within this performance framework. **Sam** informed the board that it is directly covered within the performance framework but noted there is a lot of work being done around County Lines.

Geeta asked how the performance framework will check for repeat victimisation across crime types and where this data will come from. **Sam** stated that this does cause a data challenge and will be for the data/ Evidence and Insight team here to work through.

CRC asked how MOPAC will monitor the reduction on severity of crime. **Sam** informed the board that this will be linked to targeted cohorts rather than all offenders in London.

Actions:

1. MOPAC to share the Performance Framework document with the board

Agenda Item 3 – HMIP Inspection Report

Helga Swindenbank from the CRC began with a presentation on the CRC including covering, the Legacy, 2020 Ambition Change Plan, HMIP Inspection report and the Improvement Plan.

CRC acknowledged that their 2020 Ambition plan is not a quick fix, but are hopeful that this has now put them on to the right part for their overall aim of reducing reoffending and they are working with the NOMS Assurance Team to ensure that the plan is robust enough.

The HMIP Inspection was based on 8 North London Boroughs and looked at 40 cases which is 0.1% of the CRC Caseload. However, taking this into account they acknowledge that the Overall Performance was rated as Poor within all 3 areas.

There will be a Stakeholder Event in February with the MPS and Local Borough representatives to discuss the 2020 Ambition Plan and in March there will be an event with the CRC Supply Chain partners.

Kate Aldous from Clinks asked what about VCS organisations that weren't in the Supply Chain and the **CRC** noted that this was currently a discussion point with the Supply chain and it is likely further engagement will occur on this.

Kilvinder Vigurs from the NPS highlighted that their key areas of focus are on recruiting more staff, the speed in which cases get allocated to either NPS or CRC and the need for Safeguarding information sharing between agencies to assist with this. They are also putting in place a training and development programme.

Dave Rogers Contract Manager for London from the MOJ updated the board that there is a quality assurance team working to support and challenge the NPS and CRC around the HMIP Inspection report. They are confident that their long term outlook is positive but acknowledged that the management of the short term risk is harder. This taskforce will be in place until the end of February and after then it will go back to the contract management team for oversight.

Dave Rogers informed the board that 25% of the national total of unpaid work occurs in London and there are currently significant risks in the delivery of this area of work.

London Councils asked what the forward thinking on unpaid work is and if there were any thoughts around this being a more local arrangement. The **CRC** updated the board that they have just appointed a new Senior Manger to improve operational delivery..

Dave Rogers also updated the board that the Probation System Review (PSR) is currently ongoing and should be published in April.

Actions:

2. An update from the CRC Stakeholder event to be given at the next RRB to focus on the commitments made and how the board can support these
3. Unpaid work to be a future agenda item when operationally working again to discuss how the board can support this
4. Probation Service Review to be an agenda item once it has been published.

Agenda Item 4 – Female Offenders

Tom Burnham went through the presentation. This is attached.

Tom highlighted to the board that Female Offenders are a key focus within the Police and Crime Plan and that the Mayor sees the impact of females offenders and the effects on their children as a key focus.

NPS noted that they are working on developing a sentencing framework and felt that this would link in with the work being developed.

Clinks informed the board that they were holding a meeting with VCS organisations on Female Offenders and it was agreed that they would feedback on this meeting at the Female Offender Strategy Group.

Clinks asked whether Local Authorities are represented on the Female Offender Strategy Group and also asked about mapping existing Women’s Services across London. **Sam** informed the updated them that MOPAC are currently in conversation with the LVSC around commissioning this piece of work. **Clinks** noted that it would be important to include smaller groups and organisations within the provision list.

Actions:

5. Share the Female Offenders presentation with the board
6. MOPAC to link the MOJ and NPS together regarding sentencing framework
7. Clinks to provide the Female Offenders Strategy Group with an update on their VCS meeting

Agenda Item 6 – Substance Misuse Services

Alison Keating from Public Health gave a presentation on the funding and provision and access of treatment services across London. This presentation is attached.

Alison informed the board that it is difficult to obtain a clear funding picture across London due to the various funding sources that are utilised. **Alison** also acknowledged that there is a wide level of under reporting so the figures are not an accurate picture across London.

She stated that DiP currently exists in 30 out of the 32 London Boroughs.

Jennifer East from the MPS updated the board on drug testing in police custody. She informed that board that the MPS test approximately 2,600 people a month and 50% test positive. However Jennifer stated that the MPS are not able to track these 1,300 people as they are referred to Local Partners for support so there is no way of monitoring their outcomes. DiP in custody is currently only used to identify Class A drugs however, Jennifer noted that there has been a big shift in drug use across London and the MPS are looking to use drug workers to test for other drugs.

Sam updated the board that the London Crime Prevention Fund will be funding up to £20m over 4 years for boroughs to fund DiP services, but noted there was a smaller investment from boroughs in to substance misuse services for young people.

Geeta questioned the board as to whether they could be sure that DiP is effective and actually works and that there needs to be an evidence base to show if testing in police custody is effective.

Ian informed the board that Prisons are going to begin testing prisoners both as they enter and as they leave custody. Which will help with the identification of drug issues. However it was noted that just because someone may test negative on the day they are tested it doesn't mean that they don't have a drug problem.

Sam informed the board that through the Reducing Reoffending Board she would like to commission a review in to DiP and Drug Treatment Services. The board were in agreement that this would be a useful piece of work to commission. It was agreed that to take this forward a small working group would be put together to develop a specification to bring to the next Reducing Reoffending Board in May and for this to cover;

- What is DiP?
- Is DiP effective?
- Is DiP effective in respect to routes in to treatment?
- What other routes in to treatment are there?
- Can L&D in custody be used as an alternative?

Action:

8. Board members to contact MOPAC if they would like to be part of the small working group
9. Working group to develop a specification on the effectiveness of DiP and for this to be presented to the next board on May 3rd

Agenda Item 7 – Reducing Reoffending Board Governance

Sam updated the board on the new proposed Governance Structure and highlighted the links between this board and the London Criminal Justice Board.

Sam informed the board that going forward she would like to discuss at the end of each Board meeting what items from the agenda the board feel would be most useful to go on to the agenda for DMG & LCRB.

It was agreed that the Terms of Reference for the Reducing Reoffending will be updated.

Action:

- 10. Forward planning from RRB to DMG/LCRB to be on the RRB agenda going forward
- 11. Terms of Reference for RRB to be updated

Agenda Item 8 – RRB Priorities Update

A paper on the key updates was circulated to the board prior to the meeting. There were no questions or discussion on the update items.

Agenda Item 9 – Forward Look/ Any Other Business

The board felt that it would be good to have the following items on the agenda for the next Board in May

- Probation Service Review
- Female Offenders
- DiP Specification and Review

It was also discussed that IOM in London should be an agenda item for the July Board.

Actions:

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Next meeting date: 3 May 2017 10.00-12.00 in Committee Room 2, City Hall