# **RECORD OF MEETING**

Meeting Name: Moray Community Justice Partnership meeting  Chair: Frances MacPherson - Sheriff Clerk, Scottish Courts & Tribunal			
Location:	Council Chambers, Moray Council HQ		
Attending:	Heather Arni – National Support Manager, SACRO Caroline Cooper – Regional Family Support Coordinator, Families Outside Cllr John Divers – Councillor, TMC Ailsa Innes – Senior Practitioner, Mental Health Paul Johnson – Manager, Moray Alcohol & Drug Partnership Jackie Maclaren – Operations Manager, tsiMoray Ian McKinnon – Inspector, Police Scotland Katy O'Connor – Moray College, UHI Peter Rawlinson – Deputy Governor, HMP Inverness Tish Richford – Team Manager, Criminal Justice, TMC John Todd- Senior Social Worker, Moray Youth Justice & Child Protection Mike Whelan – Community Justice Coordinator, TMC		
Also in attendance:	Emily Johnston – Regional Manager, PeoplePlus Elly Maxwell – LifeSkills Ryrie Oag – Delivery Manager, Momentum		
Apologies:	Carol Chambers – Operations Manager, Housing Need, TMC Kevin Corrins – Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service Pam Cremin - Integrated Service Manager, Mental Health Cllr Lorna Cresswell – Councillor, TMC Nina Crocombe – Skills Development Scotland Mandy Gibb – Department of Work & Pensions Elle Johnston – Moray Women's Aid Elaine Logue - Chief Inspector, Partnership Events, Police Scotland Sheila McDerment – Inspector, Partnership Events, Police Scotland Gordon Methven – Elgin Street Pastors Jill Munro – Service Delivery Officer, Victim Support Chris Page – Partnership Development Officer, TMC Laura Sutherland – Advanced Public Health Coordinator, Health & Social Care Derek Wilson – Scottish Fire & Rescue Service		

AG	SENDA ITEM/ TOPIC	ACTION POINT	TO BE ACTIONED BY
1.	Fair Start Scotland presentation	EJ, EM and RO delivered a presentation on Fair Start Scotland, describing the process and the roles of the local delivery partners.	
2.	Minute of previous meeting	The minute of 21 February 2019 was approved.	

# 3. Matters arising

The action assigned to KO'C had been addressed by an email distribution to partners on 26 February 2019.

# 4. Community Justice Plan 2019-22

MW explained that he had submitted the 2019-22 Plan to Community Justice Scotland and it had been pointed out that it should be submitted to them before being issued as a final document.

PJ suggested that we ask that the plan be treated as a draft by CJS and that any proposed changes are included in a revision of the document. This was agreed by the meeting. MW to contact CJS with this proposal.

[CJS accepted this proposal and will now review the document – MW]

MW will also issue a reporting template to owners of Improvement Actions in the plan so that progress can be reported at future MCJP meetings.

# 5. Youth Justice

JT described organisational changes within Moray Council which meant that Youth Justice was now under Justice Services.

He reported that numbers referred to the Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA) remain very low.

There had been an increase in persistent offending by a small cohort but this has since been significantly reduced, JT attributes this to the increased service availability of Youth Justice.

JT and TR to carry out some trend analysis work on statistics.

KO'C mentioned the work of Interface, a body that connects organisations and universities to facilitate research, and suggested that there could be an opportunity to commission some academic work on this area. She would find out more about Interface and report back to the next meeting.

KO'C

# 6. Partners updates

#### **SACRO**

HA described a recent success story that had been broadcast by BBC, involving a local client who had moved from SACRO-managed accommodation and secured his own tenancy.

#### **Families Outside**

CC mentioned the Prison Visitors' Centre Conference planned for 19 June at the SPS Training College at Polmont. This year's conference will focus on the support that families might need as someone prepares for release from prison. [Details circulated after the meeting]

#### tsiMoray

MW

JM reported that the volunteering opportunities facility was now up and running on the tsiMoray website.

Also been working with Moray Alcohol & Drug Partnership on the participatory budgeting funding for small groups.

#### **Criminal Justice Social Work**

TR has been looking at the potential impact of increasing the Presumption Against Short Sentences (PASS) to twelve months. Although supportive of this approach, there are resource implications for CJSW and other agencies and services.

Scottish Government forecasts suggest that this will lead to a 20% reduction in custodial sentences and a 7.5% increase in community sentences.

Moray has already seen a 10% increase in orders between 2016-17 and 2017-18 and a 19% increase in report requests over the same period.

## **Moray Alcohol & Drug Partnership**

PJ mentioned an important MADP event on 7 June, 'Making Recovery Real in Moray', an Alcohol/ Drugs and Mental Health workshop to explore service links and identify gaps. He encouraged partner participation in this event:

<u>www.eventbrite.com/e/alcoholdrugs-mental-health-workshop-tickets-60520017000</u>

### **Scottish Prison Service**

- Numbers remain high at HMP Inverness.
- Work is ongoing to evaluate the video link at the Inverness Family Centre. SPS keen to extend this facility in Elgin but staffing issues, rather than technology, are a barrier at this time.

### **Community Justice Coordinator**

- CJ Stall at MADP Connect More event on 25 March
- Attended MADP licensing event on 27 March
- Community Options paper circulated for comment, responses requested by 31 May
- Second Chancers event to be held in Public Gallery at Moray College in October 2019.

### 7. Next meeting

11.00 am on Thursday, 22 August 2019, Moray Council Committee Room 201, to be chaired by Scottish Prison Service.

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