

RECORD OF MEETING (VIRTUAL)

Meeting Name:	Moray Community Justice Partnership meeting
Chair:	Joyce Johnston – Interim Head of Children’s Services
Date Of Meeting:	9 July 2020
Location:	Virtual via ‘Vscene’
Attending:	<p>Caroline Cooper – Regional Family Support Coordinator, Families Outside Andrew Dick - Group Commander, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Mark Holloway – Deputy Governor, HMP Inverness Ailsa Innes – Senior Practitioner, Mental Health Jackie Maclaren – Operations Manager, tsiMoray Ian McKinnon – Police Scotland Tish Richford - Acting Head, Justice Services, TMC Cary Tamm – Head of Northern Strategy, SACRO Mike Whelan – Community Justice Coordinator, TMC</p>
Apologies:	<p>Carol Chambers – Operations Manager, Housing Needs, TMC Cllr Lorna Creswell – Councillor, TMC Nina Crocombe – Skills Development Scotland Cllr John Divers – Councillor, TMC Paul Johnson – Manager, Moray Alcohol & Drug Partnership Jad Leach – Partnership Development Officer, Police Scotland Frances MacPherson – Sheriff Clerk, SCTS Gordon Methven – Elgin Street Pastors Alan Prosser – Locality Manager, Victim Support Scotland John Todd - Senior Social Worker, Moray Youth Justice & Child Protection</p>

AGENDA ITEM/ TOPIC	ACTION POINT	TO BE ACTIONED BY
1. Minute of previous meeting	The minute of the meeting of 22 February 2020 will be formally approved at next physical meeting of the Partnership.	
2. Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action for MW to obtain list of Food Larders from Moray Food Plus and circulate to all partners. Completed on 16 March 2020 • Proposed change to MCJP Constitution to reflect changes to Chairing arrangements made in conjunction with Moray Council Legal Services on 3 March 2020. 	
3. Community Justice Plan 2019-22	The progress report for the period 1 January – 31 March 2020 had been circulated on 18 May 2020.	

<p>4. Partner updates</p>	<p>MW to review progress to date, detail outstanding Improvement Actions and identify potential new areas of work.</p> <p>Following the training session delivered by Community Justice Scotland on 6 March, a plan to develop a Community Justice Strategic Needs and Strengths Assessment (SNSA) is also required.</p> <p>Scottish Prison Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prison visits ceased on 24 March • The Letters/Phonecalls/Email a prisoner service was introduced on 26 March • Virtual visits were introduced at HMP Inverness on 29 June (three units) <p>Families Outside</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families Outside has been supporting families by providing devices to maintain contact with prisoners • An application has been made to Connecting Scotland seeking additional kit • Support has been working well at HMP Inverness but there were difficulties linking in to other prisons • CC queried the amount of data used during a virtual visit. MH said that the average was 500 MB per 30' call. <p>SACRO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SACRO continues to deliver live services, albeit with changed ways of working • There have been changes to how clients enter and leave services • Packs have been issued to SHINE clients. <p>tsiMoray</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tsi quickly moved to remote working • There had been a surge of goodwill and many volunteers stepping forward • A Covid Support Group had been set up, supporting people moving out of lockdown and advising about potential funding sources • There is a dedicated Covid page of tsi website. <p>Criminal Justice Social Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been 3 releases into Moray under the Prisoner Early Release Scheme. These had gone well with all having 	<p>MW</p>
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Housing in place. Information about relevant local services has been made available in a new leaflet

- Unpaid Work had been suspended since the start of lockdown but is about to restart on a 1:1 basis, enabling 4 people to attend UPW per day. Distancing protocols are in place and the required PPE equipment is available. We are looking to increase numbers back into UPW over time.
- Hope to be able to manage new orders from August/ September
- Supervision is problematic but has continued through doorstep and police contact, with priority given to high risk and the most vulnerable clients.

Police Scotland

- A system of triage with a presumption of non-attendance had been introduced at lockdown. This was found to be effective and it's likely that this will remain, post-Covid
- The four E's – 'Engage, Explain, Encourage. Enforce' had proved to be a successful approach
- Moray custody cases had gone to Inverness Court. Elgin Court has now reopened
- In terms of call types, there had been an increase in anti-social behaviour calls, many related to alleged breaches of social distancing
- There was an initial fall in domestic abuse reports but these had returned to their usual level
- Youth crime reporting was at a very low level.

Mental Health

- In line with Covid restrictions and appropriate use of PPE, emergency /critical cases only for new referrals. Telephone contact is the default
- Community Mental Health Nurses conduct domestic visits for depot injections. Pluscarden Clinic has dedicated rooms for Mental Health assessments
- MH staff (Occupational Health Therapists, Community Mental Health Nurses, Social Workers) are partly home-working
- As from 13th July, visitors are able see family/friends by contacting Ward 4 to book an appointment.

Youth Justice

- The team is currently operating with 2 social workers and a project worker in Beach Brae at any one time. The other project workers are working from a home base via a laptop.
- Two of those project workers are meeting young people under COVID 19 conditions and the other is managing with phone and video link contacts. This isn't ideal as we prefer to work face to face.

Elgin Street Pastors

- GM has joined the board of Ascension Trust (Scotland) the organisation which oversees and provides licences for street pastor groups to operate in Scotland. This provides opportunity to have Moray's voice heard at national level
- The board has introduced coming out of lockdown training for our volunteers in Scotland (provided via Zoom). A number of our volunteers in Moray have attended this training which focuses on the effect Covid-19 has had on people and the different conversations we will encounter on the street with those who have lost loved ones or jobs due to the crisis.
- As many of our volunteers are in the 'at risk' category it is unclear when we will be able to resume our street patrols. Although the schools are due to return in August we are also waiting to see how many of our school pastor volunteers will be available to resume their role
- Some areas of Scotland have been carrying out daytime street pastor patrols in pairs in busy parks and beauty spots. We have had conversations with Inspector Wilson our local contact with Police Scotland and we have agreed there are not any areas locally that are currently busy enough to warrant us carrying out such daytime patrols in Moray
- It is still unclear when the night time economy will resume. We will continue to monitor the situation and resume night patrols when it is safe to do so and the numbers of people coming into Elgin make it worthwhile.

Victim Support

- VSS is now returning to a form of in Court support for special measures, as well as looking at the possibilities of support in the community wherever we can
- The Victims' Fund is still open and application and guidance can be found on our website www.victimsupport.scot

CJ Coordinator

- Currently working on annual report 2019-20 for Community Justice Scotland. I will be in touch with partners for specific data requirements but would also welcome any case studies that highlight good practice and partner cooperation. Report deadline is 25 September so aim to submit draft to our next Partnership meeting on 20 August.

5. Next meeting	11.00 on Thursday, 20 August 2020 – joining details to follow	All
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