RECORD OF MEETING (VIRTUAL)

Meeting Name:	Moray Community Justice Partnership meeting	
Chair:	Joyce Johnston – Interim Head of Children's Services	
Date Of Meeting:	20 August 2020	
Location:	Virtual via 'MS Teams'	
Attending:	 Carol Chambers – Operations Manager, Housing Needs, TMC Caroline Cooper – Regional Family Support Coordinator, Families Outside Pam Cremin - Head of Mental Health & Integrated Services, H&SCare Moray Nina Crocombe – Skills Development Scotland Andrew Dick - Group Commander, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Cllr John Divers – Councillor, TMC Paul Johnson – Manager, Moray Alcohol & Drug Partnership Jad Leach – Partnership Development Officer, Police Scotland David Paterson – T/Chief Inspectpr, Police Scotland Tish Richford – Head of Justice Services, TMC Laura Sutherland - Advanced Public Health Coordinator, Health & Social Care Moray Cary Tamm – Head of Northern Strategy, SACRO John Todd - Senior Social Worker, Moray Youth Justice & Child Protection Mike Whelan – Community Justice Coordinator, TMC 	
Apologies:	Cllr Lorna Creswell – Councillor, TMC Mark Holloway – Deputy Governor, HMP Inverness Jackie Maclaren – Operations Manager, tsiMoray Frances MacPherson – Sheriff Clerk, SCTS Gordon Methven – Elgin Street Pastors Alan Prosser – Locality Manager, Victim Support Scotland	

AG	enda item/ Topic	ACTION POINT	TO BE ACTIONED BY
1.	Minute of previous meeting	The minute of the meeting of 9 July 2020 was accepted and will be formally approved at next physical meeting of the Partnership.	
2.	Matters arising	Covered by Agenda item.	
3.	Community Justice Plan 2019-22	MW talked through the 'RAG' (red/amber/green) report prepared for 2019-20.	
		Of the 23 Improvement Actions, 13 were ranked as green, 7 as amber and 2 as red. One action had been discontinued following the withdrawal of SPS Throughcare Support. Some actions had been delayed or cancelled following the Covid 19 outbreak.	

	Actions ranked as red were 9.2.5 The development of a Strategic Needs and Strengths Assessment (SNSA) – addressed later in this meeting - and 9.4.3 Promote employment opportunities for people with lived experience of the justice system.	
	DP described the support that the Police provide to mentor care- experienced applicants through the recruitment process.	
	NC described Skills Development Scotland's links to the Developing the Young Workforce (DYW). Also, DWP is funding activity to bring together employability services. This initiative also seeks to address lack of IT skills and provide a bank of IT equipment that can be accessed by people who are digitally excluded.	
	With regard to 9.2.3 'Making every opportunity count' interventions, PC added that it was important that substance misuse was also addressed through the MEOC approach. CC mentioned that Housing interviews with people on leaving prison also present an opportunity to signpost to relevant services. MW to follow-up with PC and CC.	MW
	With regard to 9.7.2 'Identify opportunities for group work', TR explained that Criminal Justice is awaiting guidance to enable the resumption of MFMC group work. Also keen to look at scope for group work involving women and young people.	
4. Annual Report 2019-20	2019-20 Annual report is to be submitted to Community Justice Scotland by 25 September. The format is similar to last year, with reporting based on the seven national outcomes. A 'describe the impact' column has been added.	
	MW had circulated a draft and flagged up gaps in data and information. He is asking all partners to look over the report and if there are any activities which have contributed towards the 7 national outcomes, please advise him.	
	Also looking for case studies that showcase areas of significant improvement, contribute towards one or more of the national outcomes or illustrate partnership working.	
	JJ asked that partners provide feedback by 31 August so that a final version can be circulated and agreed before sign-off.	
5. Strategic Needs Strengths Assessment	The SNSA provides an overview of Community Justice in a locality and should be the basis for the development of future plans. Community Justice Scotland delivered a workshop on the SNSA here on 6 March 2020.	
	CJS guidance talks about the production of a full SNSA being a year-long process. MW proposed developing a plan to complete	

	the SNSA by September 2021 so that it can inform our next Improvement Plan, due in April 2022.	
	PJ and TR offered to support this process. JJ mentioned that a Strategic Needs Analysis for the Children's Plan would be a useful reference document.	
6. Additional Funding	JJ advised that Scottish Government had awarded each Community Justice Partnership additional funding of £12.5K in 2020-21 'to support collaborative working'. There was a discussion about possible uses of this funding and it	
	was agreed that a scheme along the lines of tsiMoray's 'small change' initiative would be a good way to encourage community engagement.	
	MW to speak to Jackie Maclaren to explore this option.	MW
7. Partner updates	 Housing Services The situation with temporary accommodation is now critical but priority is being given to offenders returning to the community. There has been good working between Housing, Criminal Justice and Scottish Prison Service. There continues to be a problem with people, previously remanded, presenting unannounced at Housing. At a strategic level, the Housing Minister has asked the Housing and Rough Sleepers Action Group (HARSAG) to reconvene to consider issues relating to COVID. Scottish Government is proceeding with the Rapid Rehousing Transition (RRT) Plan and this involves significant planning and consultation. Work is underway on Housing application criteria with a possible relaxation of the 'local connection' requirements. 	
	 Moray Alcohol & Drug Partnership A successful funding bid to Scottish Government has enabled the acquisition of IT equipment and additional hours for the recovery café. A further application has been made for 'test of change' money to look at people with multiple, complex needs. MADP expects to hear the outcome of this bid by end October. 	
	Criminal Justice Social Work	
	 Progressing the delivery of unpaid work is a slow and gradual process due to COVID restrictions; the social distancing has a big impact in terms of us not being able to transport clients. We are progressing to supervising 2 	

individuals per task supervisor and we meet individuals at a central location i.e. Elgin, Lossiemouth, Buckie, Forres. There is a backlog of unpaid work orders to proceed with and with new orders now coming from court, this is going to be a challenge for Moray as well as nationally. Scottish Government is aware of the situation and several suggestions have been put forward from the Justice Standing Committee and the Unpaid Work sub-group as to how to assist unpaid work teams at this time. This might include writing off some existing hours to address the backlog. We are however getting on as best as we can in the circumstances and you can follow this progress on our twitter account @MorayUnpaidWork

 Our group work programme for high risk sex offenders is still not in operation but we are delivering offence focused work on a 2:1 basis for this client group. Going forward, we are looking for a venue that is suitable for delivering group work for those open to our service and if any of the partners have a room they think might be suitable please contact Tish Richford direct tish.richford@moray.gov.uk

Police Scotland

- Returning as far as possible to 'business as usual'
- The local policing and call handling model has been adapted as the phases of lockdown are relaxed. We have now adapted a presumption of 'limited attendance' with all reports and incidents continuing to be risk assessed with a COVID threat/risk/harm consideration
- Minimal Police involvement in the enforcement of
 emergency legislation very high compliance rates in Moray
- Minimal intervention required with licensed premises.
 Partnership work with Moray Council Licensing has been positive and we appreciate clear guidance they have provided to licensees
- Crime rates across crime types have generally returned to pre-COVID levels
- Acquisitive crime has changed focus the current retail environment has reduced shoplifting but we have witnessed an increase in street robberies or other desperate theftous acts
- Rise in female offenders since COVID.
- Youth crime/anti-social behaviour remain relatively low in volume but may anticipate a rise on schools going back.

An issue for CJ partners is the backlog in the criminal justice system - a significant number of undertaking appearances (which may previously have been appearance from custody) are due in Sept/October. This will likely have an impact on the disposals coming out of these delayed court appearances and trials.

Scottish Courts & Tribunals Service

• We remain closed to the public but have a full telephone and email service available for all enquiries.

	 Payment of a fine can be accepted over the phone in Elgin, but, as an organisation, we are encouraging the public to make use of the alternative undernoted options: By post: cheque or postal order made payable to "Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service" and sent to Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service, Central Processing Unit, PO Box 23, Glasgow, G5 9DA For a non-endorsable fine, using a credit or debit card, by phone: 0300 790 0003 or on-line at <u>www.scotcourtstribunals.gov.uk/payyourfine-</u> both of which are available 24/7 	
	• Criminal and Civil Court business is being dealt with but with no personal attendances at Court other than for persons released on Undertaking by the Police or for a case where the Sheriff has specifically requested a personal appearance and a specific date and time slot has been provided to them and/or their Solicitor.	
	 Accommodation restrictions to ensure compliance with physical distancing measures mean that, while Trials are proceedings, the volume of Trials is restricted, depending on the number of witnesses (only a maximum number of 5 witnesses can be safely accommodated within the building at any one time). The Crown identify which Trials will proceed on any given day. 	
	 New custody cases continue to be dealt with at the Hub Court at Inverness Justice Centre but return to Elgin if continued for reports or for Trial. 	
	• The majority of business is dealt with procedurally by way of written submissions, conference call or VC link to the Sheriff by both the Crown and Defence.	
8. Next meeting	11.00 am on Thursday, 19 November 2020 – unless a meeting is convened re: Additional Funding in the meantime.	All