

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:	<p>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</p>
Apologies:	<p>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</p>

AGENDA 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	<p>MW talked through the ‘RAG’ (red/amber/green) report prepared for 2019-20.</p> <p>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.</p>	

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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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 2. For a non-endorsable fine, using a credit or debit card, by phone: 0300 790 0003 or on-line at www.scotcourtribunals.gov.uk/payyourfine - 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. 	
<p>8. Next meeting</p>	<p>11.00 am on Thursday, 19 November 2020 – unless a meeting is convened re: Additional Funding in the meantime.</p>	<p>All</p>