

RECORD OF MEETING (VIRTUAL)

Meeting Name:	Moray Community Justice Partnership meeting
Acting Chair:	Tish Richford – Justice Service Manager
Date Of Meeting:	18 February 2021
Location:	Virtual via ‘MS Teams’
Attending:	<p>Carol Chambers – Operations Manager, Housing Needs, TMC Caroline Cooper – Regional Family Support Coordinator, Families Outside Nina Crocombe – Skills Development Scotland Andrew Dick - Group Commander, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Cllr John Divers – Councillor, TMC Mark Holloway – Deputy Governor, HMP Inverness Paul Johnson – Manager, Moray Alcohol & Drug Partnership Ian McKinnon – Inspector, Police Scotland 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 Jackie Maclaren – Operations Manager, tsiMoray Frances MacPherson – Sheriff Clark, Elgin 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 19 November 2020 was accepted and will be formally approved at the next physical meeting of the Partnership.	
2. Matters arising	<p>Covered by Agenda item except:</p> <p>Re: Item 7, Peer Research Project, MW advised that Scottish Government had confirmed that additional funding could be carried forward into 2021-22.</p>	
3. Chair/ Vice-chair vacancy	<p>TR explained that Joyce Johnston had left Moray Council and that the position of Partnership Chair was therefore vacant. There was an expectation that Joyce’s replacement as Head of Children and Families & Criminal Justice would take up the post but this would need to be approved by the Partnership.</p> <p>If anyone was interested in taking up the post of Chair or Vice-chair on a temporary or permanent basis, please contact TR.</p>	

<p>4. Chair's update from national CJS event</p>	<p>MW provided an update on the CJS briefing given to Partnership Chairs on 3 February 2021. Topics covered included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback on annual reports by Partnerships and recommendations contained in national CJS annual report to Scottish Parliament. • Courts restart proposals • Findings of public survey on awareness of/ attitudes to Community Justice. <p>MW to circulate relevant presentations.</p>	
<p>5. Strategic Needs Strengths Assessment</p>	<p>MW thanked services that had provided feedback on their services. This information would be matched to the national Justice Process Map developed by CJS and used to identify service gaps.</p> <p>MW referenced the SNSA framework document that he had circulated. This showed the themes/ headings that will be used in the SNSA and is based on CJS guidance.</p> <p>Comments/ additions/ amendments to this template are welcomed.</p> <p>A first draft, partially completed SNSA will be circulated before the next Partnership meeting.</p>	
<p>6. Peer research project</p>	<p>CC provided an update. She had met (virtually) with Heidi Tweedie of Moray Wellbeing Hub to develop this piece of work.</p> <p>Initial engagement would be with people in HMP Inverness and CC was exploring how this could be undertaken, given the current visitor restrictions.</p>	
<p>7. Partner updates</p>	<p>Families Outside</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service is operating as normally as practicable. • Funding had been received that had enabled purchase of essential household items for families in need. Funding was available to March 2021 if anyone knew of families that might benefit from help. • FO continue to promote video visits. • FO Training event in March 2021. <p>Police Scotland</p> <p>Ian McKinnon has taken over from Dave Paterson as Chief Inspector, Partnerships, Preventions & Events, and as point of contact for the group.</p> <p>Graeme Moir will be taking over from Lorraine Mackie next week as Inspector for the Partnership Co-ordination Unit (domestic offending, MARAC, MATAC, Youth Justice).</p> <p>Scottish Fire & Rescue Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firesetters work is continuing, albeit remotely. 	

- There are limited home safety visits at present with priority given to crime-related and faulty system incidents.
- Aberdeenshire & Moray group was merging with Aberdeen City as part of a SFRS reorganisation and there could be a change of representative on the MCJP from June 2021.

Skills Development Scotland

Like others, SDS was delivering its services virtually. A presentation on SDS's service offering had been given to the Criminal Justice Social Work team and SDS had picked up a number of clients as a result. SDS's input, which covered employability skills and personal resilience counted as 'other activity' towards clients' unpaid work hours.

Elgin Court

The present restrictions on Sheriff Court business will be extended to 31 March 2021.

In brief this means:

- No JP Court business will proceed at this time and will be administratively adjourned.
- Sheriff Court Cited cases will not proceed and will be administratively adjourned with the exception of sentence deferred and custody cases.
- New custody matters will continue to be dealt with at Inverness Justice Centre
- No personal attendance will be required at Court other than where this has been specifically ordered by the Sheriff (when a dedicated time slot is given) and for Undertaking cases.
- Trials will be administratively adjourned, apart from those where the accused is in custody, where it has been identified as a priority matter by COPFS (e.g. perhaps a Domestic Abuse case or involving children) or where the matter is part-heard.
- Intermediate Diet Courts will proceed as normal due to the present systems in place with the Lord President's Practice Note which significantly restricts any requirement for an attendance at Court.
- Any custody matters calling at Elgin will be dealt with by way of VC links with the Prison.
- Civil business will continue as normal but remotely using conference calls. Any hearing at which evidence is to be led will only be dealt with by personal attendance if it is deemed essential and cannot be dealt with remotely.
- The Sheriff Clerk's Office remains closed to the public but full service is provided by staff by way of phone, email and mail. Central and on-line systems remain in place for fines payments.

Housing Services

The Rapid Rehousing Transition Plans and implementation of Sustainable Housing on Release for Everyone ('SHORE') had been impacted by the pandemic but plans were now back on track.

Operationally, there was limited availability of temporary housing and this had been exacerbated by longer turnover time caused by the pandemic. Nevertheless, the Service had been able to fulfil demand albeit with some delays.

Working relations with Scottish Prison Service and Criminal Justice SW staff continue to be very good.

Moray Youth Justice

An information sheet on Youth Justice principles and what the Moray team does had been produced.

The Criminal Justice Pillar Group – a sub group of the Corporate Parenting Group- is developing a question set in order to gather the views of care-experienced young people who are open to the criminal justice service and youth justice service. This is in line with 'The Promise' and gathering the views of these people may allow us to develop better early intervention services in Moray. This piece of work aims to be completed by May 2021, We will share the findings with MCJP.

Moray Drug & Alcohol Partnership

- Services continue to operate with the necessary restrictions in place. Group work is on hold.
- The Bow Recovery Café had delivered 3000 three-course meals between April and September 2020.
- The 'DAISY' data system was now live and this should improve Drug & Alcohol reporting.
- Training had resumed (remotely) and a revised programme of training will be circulated shortly.
- Nationally, revised treatment standards had been prepared. Other work included the development of a 'Whole family' approach to treatment.

Scottish Prison Service

- The high number of remand prisoners (52 at present) continued to present logistical problems.
- There had been a COVID outbreak in one area of HMP Inverness but this had been contained and prisoners were well.
- Vaccinations are underway according to age priorities (as per wider population)
- The use of video Courts had been a positive benefit as it had eliminated transport difficulties although a Bail decision in one case had seen a prisoner due for release in extreme weather and necessitated a 50+ mile taxi journey.
- MH reiterated CC's point about video visits. Take-up was lower than anticipated and he asked everyone to promote this facility.

Criminal Justice Social Work

Since last meeting our service has been impacted again by COVID restrictions. Unpaid work squads are not operating and our focus has been on the 'other activity' element of unpaid work orders. The Scottish Government has offered additional funding and we have been in discussion with some third-sector agencies, Moray College, SDS and Street Cones, with a view to setting up college courses,

	<p>training, employment support, etc., for our clients. We have also developed packs that clients can work on at home, i.e. making up bird boxes and planters as an alternative to working in the workshop.</p> <p>We await the Scottish Government announcement of decision to reduce all unpaid work hours by 35% and this should result in some cases closing and a reduction of hours for other clients. This will still leave Moray and all authorities in Scotland with a considerable backlog of unpaid work hours to deliver once lockdown is lifted.</p> <p>We are also actively looking for a venue to deliver group work programmes so if anyone is aware of a big office space that is available for rent please get in touch with TR.</p> <p>We have had to adapt all of our offender programmes, i.e. MFMC, Respect and DTTO, in line with Covid guidance. This is still on offer to some of our clients on a restricted basis, subject to needs and risk levels.</p> <p>Our route map on how we will operate once restrictions are lifted is in place.</p> <p>The Violence Against Women Partnership has arranged 'Safe and Together' training (200 spaces) for frontline staff and seniors within the Council with a view to raising awareness on domestic abuse to ensure that staff are aware of the issues to look out for when interacting with children and families.</p> <p>SACRO Supporting accommodation services continue to operate and 'SHINE' and Veterans' Mentoring Service continue to be delivered as best they can. There had been a steady flow of new SHINE referrals.</p> <p>Cllr Creswell A new Moray Firth Credit Union newsletter had been issued – to be circulated.</p>	
<p>8. Next meeting</p>	<p>11.00 am on Thursday, 27 May 2021.</p>	<p>All</p>