

Highland Community Planning Partnership

Community Planning Board – 19 December 2017

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Update on Community Justice – Highland

Report by Chair of Community Justice Partnership

Summary

This Report provides an update and overview to the Community Planning Partnership of the progress of the implementation of Community Justice within Highland.

1. Background

- 1.1 On 1 April 2017, the Community Planning Partnership adopted responsibility for Community Justice throughout Highland following the disestablishment of the Criminal Justice Authorities throughout Scotland on 31 March 2017. The Community Justice Partnership Manager and the Community Justice Partnership (CJP) had progressed various strands of work in the transition year prior to 1 April 2017 to ensure that the Community Planning Partnership in Highland was ready for the implementation of Community Justice from 1 April 2017.

2. The Community Justice Plan

- 2.1 The Community Justice Plan for Highland was submitted to Community Justice Scotland at the Scottish Government by 31 March 2017 as per prior agreement. The Plan is a one-year plan, which will expire on 31 March 2018.

3. Engagement of Partners in the Planning Process

- 3.1 All the statutory partners involved in Community Justice (Local Authority, NHS Highland, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Skills Development Scotland, Scottish Prisons Service, Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Service, Scottish Courts & Tribunals Service) were aware of their obligations to participate in the planning process in order to provide a multi-agency plan that reflected collaboration between them. Engagement with the Third Sector and Victim Support Scotland was also a key factor in the compilation of the Plan.

4. Community Justice Governance

- 4.1 The Community Planning Partnership, who are now responsible for the delivery of the Plan, have an overarching role in the governance and review of the Community Justice Plan.
- 4.2 During the shadow year, the governance for the 2016/17 structure was reviewed and agreement reached that the Community Justice Partnership should reconcile to one formal group within the CPP structure.
- 4.3 The Community Justice Partnership meet quarterly and are accountable for the development, implementation, operational delivery and review of the Community

Justice Plan for Highland. They also have an ongoing role to consider the development of staff understanding and the use of leveraging resources between partners in order to achieve the outcomes set within the Plan. This group sits alongside other thematic groups within Safer Highland, all of which report into the Chief Officers' Group (COG) and ultimately the Community Planning Partnership.

4.4 Membership of the CJP includes: The Highland Council (1 Elected Member); Local Authority (Criminal Justice Social Work and Housing); Police Scotland; Scottish Prisons Service; Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Service; Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Scottish Courts & Tribunals Service; NHS Highland; Skills Development Scotland; Victim Support Scotland; Highland Third Sector Interface and representatives from the wider third sector – currently held by Apex Scotland and the Libertie Project. Highland Alcohol and Drug Partnership have recently joined the Partnership having been invited to do so.

4.5 Details of the previous reports outlining the governance arrangements for Community Justice can be viewed at -

file:///C:/Users/community%20justice/Downloads/Item_20_ECAS_16_16.pdf

[file:///C:/Users/community%20justice/Downloads/Item_7_Overview_of_Community_Justice_Plan%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/community%20justice/Downloads/Item_7_Overview_of_Community_Justice_Plan%20(1).pdf)

5. Taking the Plan Forward

5.1 From 1 April 2017, the progress of the Plan has been reviewed at each Community Justice Partnership Meeting ensuring that the outcomes set out to be achieved are being met.

5.2 Engagement with communities and agencies and organisations working with those who have an offending history and those who have been affected by crime will continue. There will also be direct engagement with people with an offending history, their families and those who have been affected by crime in order to gain information for consideration in terms of future planning. This will also help ensure the Plan remains relevant.

5.3 The Highland Community Justice Plan Action Table 2017/18 (Appendix 1, attached) outlines the progress of the Plan in greater detail.

6. Development of the 3 Year Plan

6.1 Over and above reviewing the current Plan, work has been ongoing to compile the 3 year Plan which will run from April 2018 – March 2021.

6.2 Community Justice Scotland, the overarching body for community justice across Scotland launched on 1 April 2017. Their feedback on the current Plan for Highland has been positive, in particular, the way the plan is set out including the measurement of impact, responsible leads, deadlines and inclusion of the person centred outcomes were all commented on favourably. It was also mentioned that of all the Plans submitted across Scotland the Actions within the Highland Plan were the most SMART.

6.3 Engagement around the development of the Highland Outcomes Improvement Plan (HOIP) throughout Highland included engagement around community justice

enabling a clearer vision of how the Community Justice Plan can link directly to the outcomes of the HOIP, as is required.

- 6.4 Engagement with Community Partnership Chairs has taken place with a view to their inclusion in the progress of community justice throughout their areas within Highland.
- 6.5 Direct engagement with those who have offended has taken place, in particular, those serving short to medium term sentences within HMP Inverness, those having experience of Community Payback Orders and other groups involved in the criminal justice system.
- 6.6 Engagement with Criminal Justice Social Work staff across Highland took place at their annual in-service day in November 2017 in relation to identifying the priorities for the 3 year Plan.
- 6.7 The Plan Development Day took place in November 2017 with good representation from the Partnership. The priorities over the next three years have been identified as Mental Health, Early Intervention and Diversion (including community asset development), Employability and Employment. It also emerged that there are some crosscutting themes, which run through these priorities including Community Engagement, Gender Needs, Person Centred Approach and the development of the Community Justice Partnership.
- 6.8 The Community Justice Plan will be developed further over the coming months and submitted to Community Justice Scotland prior to 31 March 2018. It is anticipated that the Plan will be submitted to the Community Planning Partnership for approval prior to this date.

7. Other Developments

- 7.1 The Community Justice Partnership have been involved in the Small Change For Justice project whereby 7 small third sector projects have been funded through an underspend of £25,000 from the community justice funds.
- 7.2 This participatory budgeting event took place in October 2017 with 15 projects from across Highland pitching for funding. The attendees from the third sector and statutory agencies were invited to vote for the projects, which they felt deserved to be funded. The event was very well received and had good coverage through social media and the local press.
- 7.3 The Partnership will monitor the progress of the projects throughout the next year and it is anticipated that further success stories will emerge on their completion.
- 7.4 Information around community justice is readily available on the CPP website –

<http://www.highlandcpp.org.uk/community-justice-partnership.html>

- 7.5 The Partnership have also compiled a couple of information films which are available to view at –

<https://youtu.be/Bt8qEXTUrMU>

https://youtu.be/k20w9B_mz1s

Recommendation

Members of the Community Planning Partnership are asked to note and comment on the work already carried out in relation to community justice and the plans for future progression within Highland.

Designation: Chair of Community Justice Partnership

Date: 6 December 2017

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Highland Community Justice Partnership Action Table 2017/18

	Action	Responsible lead	Deadline	RAG
Baseline Recording				
1	Organisational awareness survey drafted	Margaret McShane	1 st April 2017	Green
2	Organisational awareness survey distributed within Partners organisations and completed by staff	NHS Highland SFRS Police Scotland Highland Council SPS SCTS SDS	30 th April 2017	Green
3	Community Justice/3 rd Sector Forum awareness survey drafted	Margaret McShane	April 2017	Green
4	Community Justice/3 rd Sector forum awareness survey distributed completed	Mhairi Wylie	May 2017	Green
5	Community Justice Partnership self-evaluation survey drafted and circulated	Margaret McShane	1 st April 2017	Green
6	Community Justice Partnership self-evaluation survey completed	NHS Highland SFRS Police Scotland Highland Council SPS SCTS SDS HTSI Victim Support TSO Representatives	30 th April 2017	Green
7	Baseline figure for number of custodial sentences made in Highland in 2016/17	James Maybee / Gary Aitken/Frances MacPherson	30 th April 2017	Yellow
8	Baseline figure for number of bail supervision orders made in Highland in 2016/17	James Maybee	30 th April 2017	Green
9	Baseline figure from 2016/17 figures for number of ASB instances in areas where a 'response team' model is currently or subsequently going to be introduced in 2017/18	Philip MacRae	30 th April 2017	Red

10	Summary of activity types used as part of a CPO in Highland in 2016/17	James Maybee	30 th April 2017	Green
11	Baseline figure from 2016/17 for the number of people with offending history who are recorded to abuse alcohol	Joanna MacDonald	30 th April 2017	Red
12	Public Perceptions of Crime collected through the citizens panel Survey	James Maybee	October 2018	Red
13	Baseline figures for period to treatment after referral for patients with a personality disorder, trauma & mental health issues	Joanna MacDonald	30th April 2017	Red
Community/Third Sector Engagement				
14	Deliver, in partnership with other agencies and CPP activity, nine engagement roadshows. Wick; Dornoch; Alness; Inverness (x2); Nairn; Aviemore; Fort William; Portree	Margaret McShane Mhairi Wylie Police Scotland	April – May 2017	Green
15	Launch event for the CJ Plan	ALL	May 2017	Green
16	Establish third/public sector forum for community justice/safer networking/good practice sharing	Mhairi Wylie Margaret McShane	May 2017 August 2017 October 2017 January 2018	Yellow
17	Complete a Participatory Budgeting pilot for investment in third sector CJ activity.	Margaret McShane Mhairi Wylie James Maybee Philip MacRae Linda Dorward Antony Gardner	October 2017	Yellow
18	Bi Monthly Press releases highlighting work of the partnership/stakeholders issued to printed media and published through social media	Margaret McShane	Every 8 weeks	Yellow
19	Provision of good news case study related Community Justice x1 per Partner organisations	NHS Highland SFRS Police Scotland Highland Council SPS SCTS SDS HTSI Victim Support TSO Representatives	Throughout the year on an agreed rotation	Red

20	Develop a youth engagement strategy for implementation in 2018 (calendar year)	ALL	October 2017	
Social Media / Virtual Platforms				
21	Set up and manage a Twitter Account	Margaret McShane	April 2017	
22	Promote and utilise Partnership Facebook Page	Margaret McShane	Throughout	
23	Support provision of good news stories and other information by circulating such within the Partnership for publication on Social Media	ALL	Throughout	
24	Webinars to promote the participatory budgeting opportunity for third sector organisations	Mhairi Wylie	May/June 2017	
Engagement with Persons with Offending History				
25	In Prison workshop/focus groups	TBC	June 2017	
26	In community workshop/focus group for persons with offending history	TBC	June 2017	
Capturing Lived Experience for Policy Development				
27	Lived experience review seminar arranged	Margaret McShane	January 2018	
28	Submission of case studies and participation in <i>lived experience seminar</i>	NHS Highland SFRS Police Scotland Highland Council SPS SCTS SDS HTSI Victim Support TSO Representatives	January 2018	
2017/18 Review				
29	Quality Principle Audit for Rapid access to treatment for Drug and Alcohol Recovery service	Joanna MacDonald	31st March 2018	
30	Case Audit report for increased engagement between CJSW and Drug and Alcohol Recovery Service	James Maybee	31st March 2018	
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42	Annual review engagement with stakeholders and launch of future plan	ALL	May 2018	