

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Update on Youth Justice Plan</b>		
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<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Commissioner: Community Safety</b>		
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<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

### FOR GENERAL RELEASE

#### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 This report is for information only and is an update on the youth justice plan

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 The community safety forum notes the information in this report and is invited to feed into the development of the 13-14 plan.

#### 3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

3.1 The Youth Justice Plan was set in the March 2012 following consultation with partner agencies, including police, probation and a health and across council services, thought the youth offending management board.

3.2 The plan was set in a short time frame once it had been identified that no new plan had been set for a number of years. It was acknowledged by the management board when setting this plan that it was in effect an interim plan which would enable a full review of the system to be undertaken during 12-13 and a more robust plan to be put forward.

3.3 The priorities identified in the plan for 12-13 are being addressed b y a full review and restructure of the Youth Offending Service

3.4 .To date a restructure of the management of the youth offending service has taken place and the second phase of the restructure, looking at the team, the roles within the team, how it works with partners and how it will effectively deliver on targets is currently being undertaken. It is anticipated that the consultation on this second phase will be out by end of October 2012.

3.5 A full needs assessment of the youth justice system, looking at work with offenders and early prevention is currently being written, this will be presented to a stakeholders (including the CVS) event on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The event will enable stakeholders to review the needs assessment, look at evidenced based practise and address ways of tackling youth crime across the city. The outcome and findings from this will feed into the next restructure paper and youth justice plan.

- 3.6 Work is currently being undertaken with young people who are in or have previously received services for the Youth offending service, both prevention and statutory to understand the impact of the service on them and how effective these interventions were for the young people. This will feed into both the review of the current youth justice plan and development of the new plan and intervention programmes and has led to us already changing how we present options to the courts and young people.
- 3.7 With regard to the current action plan and priorities, the YOT has developed a nine page action plan in response to the HMIP inspection, the progress on this is monitored through strategic group and by an operational governance group which has been developed and includes partners from the police, probation and courts to ensure good practice and developments across the service.
- 3.8 The service has improved the audit of cases and is developing a full Audit structure which will ensure that not only are cases audited and monitored but learning from this work is gathered and used to improve practice across the service, this in turn should lead to a reduction in reoffending. All staff were trained in the autumn last year in a new way of assessment, planning and interventions, this will be fully audited in October this year to ensure that it has been fully embedded. This work so far has led to improved assessments and a greater clarity of risk and risk planning.
- 3.9 Work has been undertaken with probation and the police both to address transitions and also look at how the YOT works in a more joined up way to address the repeat and prolific offenders. An integrated offender management police officer has begun working as part of the YOT team and is included in the development of plans around the prolific offenders. These prolific offenders and the work with them is reviewed with the police officer in a monthly meeting to ensure the plan is working.
- 3.10 The needs assessment is showing positive results around the reduction in first time entrants, it has also helped identify at an earlier stage, through profiles, young people who may go on to be prolific offenders. This will impact on the delivery of the service in the future and the targeting of early offenders.
- 3.11 Work is being undertaken with the Integrated Team for families, it is envisaged that they YOT and this service will work closely together and develop some joint ways of working and interventions. It is also envisaged that within the restructure a member of the YOT team may be seconded into this service and work across both remits of offending and troubled families.
- 3.12 The current plan will begin to be reviewed during October 2012 and the new action plan will be developed from this review and outcomes of wider consultations through the stakeholder events, work with young people and work with partners.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

### **Appendices:**

1. Youth Justice Action Plan

