

NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD

14 November 2008

Agenda Item	
Report No	

Single Outcome Agreements

Report by the Chief Constable

SUMMARY

This report informs the Board of the undertakings Northern Constabulary has taken in relation to all four constituent Local Authorities, involving their specific Single Outcome Agreements.

BACKGROUND

The Scottish Government introduced the Scottish Model for the development of Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) that operates at national and local levels. These single outcome agreements have now been 'signed off' by the four constituent Local Authorities in Northern Constabulary force area and the Scottish Government. A key part of the agreement was the acceptance of the need for equal space and a better balance between national and local priorities and recognition of the role of community planning process in acting as a bridge between these two sets of priorities.

The purpose of the SOA is to identify areas for improvement and to deliver better outcomes for the people of Highland, Orkney, Shetland, Western Isles and Scotland, through specific commitments made by the Councils and Scottish Government. Each party to the agreement is mutually accountable for the delivery of the agreed outcomes. This means:

- Will jointly take ownership and responsibility for their respective contributions to the agreed outcomes, and
- Will be able to hold each other to account for the delivery of specific commitments they make to enable the delivery of the agreed outcomes.

This agreement reflects a new relationship between the Scottish Government and Local Government set out in the Concordat between the Scottish Government and COSLA.

The local context for public service delivery is described against each of the 15 national outcomes. Northern Constabulary will have a responsibility for dealing with a much smaller number, although some will cross-cut both national and local outcomes. National Outcomes relating to the Force are:

- **National Outcome 7**

We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society

- **National Outcome 8**

We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk.

- **National Outcome 9**

We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger.

- **National Outcome 11**

We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others.

National Outcome 9 involves statistics relating to crime to be fed by Northern Constabulary on a monthly basis to the Local Authorities to populate the relevant sections of their framework reporting on the collective outcomes. This information is being developed to be recorded in terms of the Scottish Policing Performance Framework (SPPF) which will be reporting mechanism to the NJPB in the near future.

Northern Constabulary supports the strategic planning process with all four Local Authorities in the force area, with representation in the three island authorities devolved to Divisional/Area Commanders. Within Highland Council the Chief Constable is a member of the Highland Community Planning Partnership (HCCP) Performance Board which will review progress and develop the SOA to 2011.

Joint working with our partners is focused through the Force Community Planning Group, bringing together the three operational business areas and Headquarters support functions. The Joint Highland Community Tasking Group is a mechanism where Corporate Managers work closely with the police to reach our full potential within the SOA.

To provide the Board with a flavour of local outcomes and how they sit within the context of national outcomes this paper provides an example of local outcomes where Northern Constabulary is directly involved:

National Outcome 7

Local Outcome 7.5 (Highland Council): *Tackling discrimination, promoting equality, participation and good relations.*

Examples of required actions and commitment from various partners; however the force will be actively involved in areas such as a new strategy for reducing violence against women and the implementation of the multi-agency action plan for Gypsy/Travellers.

National Outcome 8

Local Outcome 8.9 (Comhairle nan Eilean Siar): *Decrease numbers of children and young people affected by their own or parental substance misuse through a framework for early identification and intervention and the provision of intensive specialist support in complex and entrenched situations.*

Northern Constabulary would work closely to ensure effective joint working, liaison and communication with partner agencies especially with 6 monthly reviews of Child Protection Case Conferences.

National Outcome 9

Local Outcome (Shetland/Highland/Comhairle nan Eilean Siar/Orkney): *To reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads.*

Northern Constabulary will supply Local Authorities with monthly statistical information in relation to all crimes and offences including road traffic data.

National Outcome 11

Local Outcome 11.3 (Highland): *Improved quality of life through community led action and more people feeling connected to their communities.*

Northern Constabulary will reduce the number of recorded hate crimes, racist incidents and other hate crimes reported to the Procurator Fiscal monitored through monthly statistical returns.

Appendix 1 attached provides an example of the information supplied by Northern Constabulary to Highland Council which is very much a work in progress. Due to the high volume of information and figures involved we have restricted this to the Highland Council process at this stage.

SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENTS - THE NEXT STEPS

August – October 2008

High level Steering Group will finalise guidance for (a) 2009/2010 SOA's to be submitted by community planning partnerships, and (b) confirm the reporting format and timescale for 2008/2009 outcomes

November 2008 – February 2009

All 32 Community Planning Partnerships prepare and submit 2009/2010 SOA's by end of February

March – May 2009

Dialogue with Scottish Government and community planning partnerships top secure sign-off

September 2009

By 30 September 2009 final performance reports against targets for 2008/2009

RECOMMENDATION

Members of the Board are invited to note the contents of this report.

I Latimer
Chief Constable

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3. Children and young people

Children and young people	SOA			JHCSTG 24.9.08 Action Progress	JHCSTG 22.10.08 Action
	Baseline	Updated figure	Progress		
Reduce proportion of 13 and 15 year olds self-reporting using alcohol in last month (new survey to be piloted) <i>Every four years</i>	17% 13yr olds 38% 15yr olds 2006	No current figure available		Discuss with Pablo Mascarenhas the evaluation Report from the first Blue Light Disco	
Reduce number of children hospitalised with alcohol related diagnosis. <i>Annual</i>	29 2006/07	No current figure available		BA to liaise with Dawn Grant Supporting Operation Youth Advantage course.	
Reduce proportion of 13 and 15 year olds self-reporting using drugs in last month (new survey to be piloted). <i>Every four years</i>	3% 13yr olds 9% 15yr olds	No current figure available		BA and JD to work together on resolving the issue of antisocial behaviour case in Easter Ross.	
No increase in number of persistent young offenders. <i>Quarterly</i>	27 2006/07	46 Q1 08/09	✓	DG to organise working group to review current antisocial behaviour strategy.	
Increase the number of young people taking part in targeted positive action (e.g. Midnight Football). <i>Annual</i>	To be gathered	No current figure available		To expand NHS H activity over the Festive period and include promotion of sexual health amongst young girls.	
Fewer referrals to the reporter. <i>Annual</i>	2199 2006/07	375 Q1 08/09	✓		
Increase the number of positive activities available to young people (HIFRS) 30 to 60 by 2010-11. <i>Annual</i>	30 2005/06	No current figure available			

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Antisocial behaviour issues:	
Localise issues to address:	
PAN Highland issues emerging:	

4. Reduce problematic alcohol misuse

Reduce problematic alcohol misuse	SOA			JHCSTG 24.9.08 Action Progress	JHCSTG 22.10.08 Action
	Baseline	Updated figure	Progress		
Reduce recorded alcohol related crimes (per 10,000). <i>Annual</i>	62 (05/06)	68 2007/08		IK to work with BD & NC Data Analysis on defining Alcohol Related Crime (document attached)	
Improve health intervention for those misusing alcohol (screenings). <i>Monthly</i>	No base-line	Not available	N/A		
Reduce the number of alcohol related fires. <i>Monthly</i>	35 average (05-08)	38 (07/08)			
Reduce the number of fatal and non fatal fire casualties. <i>Monthly</i>	61 average (05-08)	73 (07/08)			
Extension to the Community Fire Safety Advocates Service. <i>Annual</i>	10	9			

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Localise issues to address:	
PAN Highland issues emerging:	

5 Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005	Action note 24.9.08	JHCSTG 22.10.08 Action
Statutory enforcement role for trading standards Officers –update on action from previous meetings.	No Action	

6. Reduce problematic drug misuse

Reduce problematic drug misuse	SOA			JHCSTG 24.9.08 Action Progress	JHCSTG 22.10.08 Action
	Baseline	Updated figure	Progress		
Reduce drug related crime figures (per 10,000 populations). Monthly	85 06/07	80 15 2007/08 Q2 08/09	✓	IK to work with BD & NC Data Analysis on defining Drug Related Crime (document attached)	
Reduce waiting times for drug treatment and rehabilitation services. Annual	89% < 28 days 06/07	79% < 28 days Quarter 1 08/09	✗		

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Increase the number of drug misusers in contact with treatment and care services. <i>Annual</i>	534 05/06	653 06/07	✓		
Increase the number of people recovering from drug and alcohol problems entering training education and employment. <i>Annual</i>	92 05/06	Search in process	?		
Reduce the number of drug related deaths. <i>Annual</i>	10 2005	7 2007	✓		
Localise issues to address:					
PAN Highland issues emerging:					

7. Reduce reconviction rates and levels of repeat victimisation

Reduce reconviction rates and levels of repeat victimisation	SOA			JHCSTG 24.9.08 Action Progress	JHCSTG 22.10.08 Action
	Baseline	Updated figure	Progress		
Reduce reconviction rates by 2% by 2010-11. <i>Annual</i>	1665 06/07	Search in process	?	No Action	
Incidence of domestic abuse per 100,000 population. <i>Annual</i>	640 05/06	467 07/08	✓		

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PAN Highland issues emerging:	

8. Reduce hate crimes

Reduce hate crimes	SOA				JHCSTG 24.9.08 Action Progress	JHCSTG 22.10.08 Action
	Baseline	Updated figure		Progress		
Reduce the number of recorded hate crimes: Racist Other <i>Quarterly</i>	105 7 06/07	112 14 07/08	27 6 Qur1 08/09	35 12 Quar2 08/09	x x	No Action

Localise issues to address:	
PAN Highland issues emerging:	

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9. Reduce crime and fear of crime

Reduce crime and fear of crime	SOA			Progress	JHCSTG 24.9.08 Action Progress	JHCSTG 22.10.08 Action
	Baseline	Updated figure				
Increase % residents who rate the area within 15 minutes walk of their home as fairly safe or very safe. <i>Bi-Annual</i>	94.7% 07/08	95% 08		✓	CM to approach Safe Highlanders and ask for more information.	
Reduce % adult residents stating fear of crime is having a moderate or great effect on the quality of life. <i>Bi-Annual</i>	46.9% 03/04	51% 08		✗	IK to contact Mark Hadfield in relation to 'Street Pastors' initiative.	
Reduce Number of Class 1 – Crimes against the person. <i>Monthly</i>	546 06/07	43 Sep 08	280 Apr-Sep	✓		
Reduce Number of Class 2 – Crimes of Indecency. <i>Monthly</i>	387 06/07	39 Sept 08	207 Apr - Sep	✓		
Reduce Number of Class 3 – Crimes of Dishonesty (not SOA). <i>Monthly</i>	507 Aug 08	481 Sep 08		✓		
Reduce Number of Class 4 – Crime of Vandalism. <i>Monthly</i>	4714 06/07	384 Sept 08	2222 Apr – Sep	✓		
Increase detection and conviction of offenders against wildlife and environmental crimes (see SOA Crime definition). <i>Monthly</i>	24 06/07 82 07/08	24 Apr – Sept 08/09 83% detection rate		✓		

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<p>Up-date on actions: ASBO's; Noise Nuisance; Seizure of Vehicles; Closure of Premises; Dispersal Orders; Fixed Penalty Notices; Graffiti Removal</p> <p>Localise issues to address:</p> <p>PAN Highland issues emerging:</p>	
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10. CCTV Review

CCTV Review	Action note 24.9.08	JHCSTG 22.10.08 Action
CCTV	IK to prepare detailed CCTV review Report (report to be ready for the next JHCSTG meeting)	
<p>Localise issues to address:</p> <p>PAN Highland issues emerging:</p>		

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11. Mental Health

Mental Health	SOA			JHCSTG 24.9.08 Action Progress	JHCSTG 22.10.08 Action
	Baseline	Updated figure	Progress		
Reduce the number of re-admissions (within 1 year) for those who have had a psychiatric hospital admission of over 7 days by 10% by Dec 2009. <i>Annual</i>	326 Dec 2004	Awaiting figures		No Action	
50% of key front-line staff (health services) being educated and trained in suicide assessment/prevention tools and training programmes by 2010 – relevance for NC and H&IFRS staff. <i>6 monthly</i>	24% 2008	Awaiting figures			
Reduce the suicide rate between 2002 and 2013 by 20%. <i>Annual</i>	20.7 per 100,000 2002	16.4 100,000 2007	✓		
Localise issues to address:					
PAN Highland issues emerging:					

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12. Improved levels of safe driving

Improved level of safe driving	SOA			JHCSTG 24.9.08 Action Progress	JHCSTG 22.10.08 Action
	Baseline	Updated figure			
40% reduction in fatal/seriously injured RTA casualties. <i>Monthly</i>	198 06/07	11 Sep 08	70 Apr-Sep	✓	No Action
50% reduction in child fatal / seriously injured RTA casualties. <i>Monthly</i>	12 06/07	1 Sep 08	3 Apr - Sep	✗	
10% reduction in slightly injured RTA casualties. <i>Monthly</i>	750 06/07	58 Sep 08	296 Apr - Sep	✗	
Increase number of young drivers receiving enhanced driver education. <i>Quarterly</i>	239 06/07	369 (118) 07/08 (1 st quarter 08/09)		✓	
Number of schools with 20mph restrictions. <i>Quarterly</i>	44% 06/07	62% Quarter 1 08/09		✓	
Reduction in households reporting concerns with speeding. <i>Bi-Annual</i>	70.9% 05/06	75% 08		✗	
Localise issues to address:					
PAN Highland issues emerging:					

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13. Terrorism

Terrorism	SOA			JHCSTG 24.9.08 Action Progress	JHCSTG 22.10.08 Action
	Baseline	Updated figure	Progress		
Create safer environments by engendering the trust and confidence of all communities in order to combat the threat of violent extremism and terrorism: Number of instances of information being received from communities	Counting and screening begins 2008-09	Not available	N/A	No Action	
Localise issues to address: PAN Highland issues emerging:					

14. Single Outcome Agreement

Single Outcome Agreement Item	Action note 24.9.08	JHCSTG 22.10.08 Action
Update on a SOA and collected figures Utilising SOA figures	No Action	

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15. Communication Strategy

Communication Strategy	Action note 24.9.08	JHCSTG 22.10.08 Action
<p>Meetings with existing community structures including ward forums and specific interest groups, particularly about youth crime and anti-social behaviour services</p> <p>Targeted awareness raising campaigns, commencing with 'Getting it Right for Every Child' and youth crime and anti-social behaviour services</p>	<p>IK to explore options for applying for the Safer Street funding.</p>	
<p>Localise issues to address:</p> <p>PAN Highland issues emerging:</p>		