

<h1>Minutes</h1>	YOUTH JUSTICE STRATEGY GROUP Minutes of meeting which took place in The Bridge, Training Room, 14 Seafield Road, Inverness on Friday 15 th January at 2pm.
Chair:	Bill Alexander, Head of Children's Services
Minute:	Sarah Taylor, Senior Clerical Assistant, Youth Action Team
Present:	Pol McClelland, Resource Manager, Youth Justice & Substance Misuse Dawn Grant, Area Children's Service Manager Tom Boyd, SCRA Alistair Dodds, Chief Executive John Bruce, Senior Education Officer Ian Bryce, Northern Constabulary Jeremy Paulin, Criminal Justice Manager, Carsegate
Apologies:	James Maybee, Principal Officer, CJS, Kinmylies Jan Baird, NHS Phillip Macrae, Northern Constabulary

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1.	<p><u>Appointment of Resource Manager</u></p> <p>The group was informed that Jane Murphy will take up her post as Resource Manager – Youth Justice and Substance Misuse on the first of February. She will be based at Drummuie, Golspie.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Review of Strategy Group and Delivery Group</u></p> <p>The Youth Justice meetings will now consist of two groups, strategy and delivery.</p> <p>The Youth Justice Strategy Group is to consist of officers with strategic responsibility.</p> <p>The membership of the YJSG will be the following:-</p> <p>Chair – Bill Alexander Members – Alistair Dodds Dawn Grant Jane Murphy Tom Boyd (SCRA) Phillip Macrae (Northern Constabulary) James Maybee (CJS) Jan Baird (NHS) John Bruce (Education)</p>	

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	<p>The membership of the YJDG will be the following:-</p> <p>Chair – Dawn Grant Members – Jane Murphy 3 x Youth Action Team Managers Representative from Action for Children Rosanna McSween (Northern Constabulary) Representative from new Youth Co-ordinators (NC) Carrie McLaughlan (CAMHS) Bernadette Cairns (Education) Linda Thom (Education) Representative from new Public Health Post (now recruiting)</p> <p>Dawn Grant asked if a representative from the Children's Hearing and the Procurator Fiscals should be considered to be made a permanent fixture in attendance with the Strategy Group. Tom Boyd stated that it would be a good idea to have a representative from the Children's Panel and will update the group once a member has been identified. The group were all in agreement of having a representative from the Procurator Fiscals.</p>	<p>Tom Boyd to identify rep from Children's Panel.</p> <p>Procurator Fiscal rep to be identified.</p>
3.	<p><u>Propose Improvement Objectives and Reporting Mechanism</u></p> <p>Bill Alexander stated to the group that there has been a significant improvement in the past few months of reports being submitted in on time to the SCRA. It was also noted that the number of youth offenders has decreased but the persistent offenders have recently gone up slightly after a more sustained period of decline. The level of general offending is still deemed to be low but the Scottish Government is now looking at recording the levels of serious offending. Ian Bryce pointed out that although child/youth crimes are being reported, the levels of 'seriousness' are not categorised. Jeremy Paulin also mentioned that the Criminal Justice Service suffers to determine what is assessed as a serious crime and felt that there was no relevant guidance in place. Pol McClelland stated that the way of recording 'serious' crimes could be modelled on that of the procedures taking place within the Glasgow Council. A credible prototype model is needed to accurately measure the seriousness of crimes. Pol McClelland also suggested that the way in which performances are measured need to be looked at in order to track down offenders and see where they end up in terms of re-offending.</p> <p>Bill Alexander informed the group that the number children from the age of 10 years being referred for sex offences/behaviour were on the increase. There is now an appropriate assessment format in place and the forensic psychologist service has been used with success in this area.</p> <p>Discussion took place in the group regarding the detention of young people in police custody. These numbers were higher in the Islands but a low number was recorded inland. The group were given an update re discussions with Action for Children about the provision of a service to</p>	<p>Pol McClelland to find out more information on the Glasgow model of categorising serious crimes.</p> <p>Pol to speak to Phil Dickson re Care First – measuring performances.</p>

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	some of these young people which would prevent the need for police detention.	
4.	<p><u>Update on Youth Co-ordinators (NC)</u></p> <p>Ian Bryce stated that there are now officers in post covering the three areas of Highland.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Update on Additional Alcohol Funding (AFC & Public Health Practitioners)</u></p> <p>Dawn Grant noted that there is currently one Public Health Practitioner based in the Youth Action Team in Caithness working on a 2/3 rota as per funding of the post. Pol McClelland has received no response with regards to the other two available posts for which have been given a three year grant. The funding was granted 18 months ago.</p>	Bill Alexander to chase this up and identify why there has been such a delay.
6.	<p><u>MAPPA/GIRFEC Interface (update from Pol)</u></p> <p>Meetings are due to take place with MAPPA week beginning 18th January. The Scottish Government have offered a grant of £20,000. Pol will liaise with the appropriate people about this.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Proposed Media Pilot (POL)</u></p> <p>A strategic Pilot Communication Plan is to be drawn up to improve communication within communities.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Proposed Early & Effective Intervention</u></p> <p>Pol McClelland distributed a letter received from the Scottish Government confirming additional funding of £25,000. This grant will be used to support local areas in developing multi-agency early and effective intervention processes for youths who offend.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Consultation on Secure Care</u></p> <p>Pol McClelland gave an update about the consultation.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Agenda for Delivery Group</u></p> <p>There is currently no date set for the next Delivery Group. It is thought a date will be confirmed after Jane Murphy has settled in to her new post as Resource Manager. The agenda will look at discussing new arrangements taken from this meeting, how progress is being measured and looking at all resources available. Also on the agenda will be 'Cash back for communities' which Pol McClelland has provided a website link address.</p>	Confirm date of next Delivery Group meeting.
11.	<p><u>Dates for Future Meetings</u></p> <p>The next meeting will take place mid February. Date and time to be confirmed.</p>	Dates to be confirmed.