## **Social Justice and Regeneration Committee**

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Date:Thursday 21 September 2006

Time:9.30am - 12.30pm

Venue: Senedd, National Assembly for Wales

Title: Substance Misuse – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Progress Report

TARGETS	LEAD AGENCY	PROGRESS	MET (A), PARTLY (B)
			NOT MET (C)
1. Prevent and Deter			
a.To ensure that the Prevent and Deter strand of the Prolific and other Priority Offenders Programme is delivered in Wales. This will be measured, in the main, by the performance management system developed by the Youth Justice Board. Key milestones are:	CSU/YJB/ YOTS	Fully met	A
b. By May/June 2005 all Youth Offending Teams will be providing basic demographic information about the initial youth justice intervention target group. This information will be provided to the Community Safety Unit and Home Office regional team in the Welsh Assembly Government;			
c. By September 2005 agreement will be reached with Community Safety Partnerships and YOTs on how to performance manage the 'intensive targeting' element of prevent and deter. The focus here is on preventing young people from offending in the first place and diverting them from the youth justice system.		Fully met	A
2.Education, Training and Employment			
		Reporting on all 26 Prevent and Deter measures commenced with effect from	A

		January 2006. The roll out the Home Office/ YJB IT infrastructure took a little longer than originally planned.	
a. Initiate the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Youth Offenders Learning Project (detailed scoping paper attached): Project leader in post Summer 2005, Gateway Review Group 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting September 2005, Project advisory group (external partners) 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting autumn 2005.  b. Initiate evaluated 12 month pilot  programmes in 2 YPP/YOT areas for  Personal Support Work for young  people in custody working with  external partners: steering group  first meeting April 2005, posts advertised May 2005, evaluation  begins September 05, and will be  completed by March 2006.	YAPP/YOTs/ YPPs CSU / Police	Project leader in post June 20 <sup>th</sup> 2005  1st Gateway review meeting held 8 <sup>th</sup> November. One year work plan in place - August 2005. This includes key priority activities from scoping paper. This has been distributed widely to key internal and external stakeholders. External Project advisory group meeting in February 2006  Youth workers in place at Stoke Heath YOI and Ashfield YOI September and December respectively. Project steering group has met regularly since April 05'2 x local steering groups in place plus national group. Evaluation scheduled for completion February 06'	A
3. Health  • Further development of Forensic Adolescent Consultation Team  • To take forward the SaFF process, CAMHS Commissioning Networks (CCNs) to be established.	Assembly - CFD	· Proposed plan being considered to implement Forensic CAMHS Tier 3 Development Programme (Training)  · The application of the SaFF access monies have been linked to refining the costed plans, CAMHS Commissioning Networks (CCN's),	B – Discussions are continuing with provider  B – On target

		achieving the first part of the SaFF by the end of March 06 and achieving the 2 <sup>nd</sup> part of the SaFF in 2007.	
4. Substance Misuse  Objective  To produce a Module of the Substance Misuse Treatment Framework for Wales on substance misuse education, prevention and treatment services for children and young people.  Milestones  • First draft Children and Young People by end of December 2005  • Consultation draft Children and Young People document by end of March 2006	Assembly - SMIB	First draft of module from WIHSC received by 31st December and discussed at special subgroup meeting in January, where it was decided that the module needed to be restructured. Agreement was reached for the revised format to consist of 3 documents including the Four Tier Framework, Value and Evidence Base and Policy Advice.  There is therefore some slippage in timing, with the first two parts of the module being delivered by 28th April and the latter part by 12th May.	В
5. Housing			
a. NACRO Cymru to produce report on the resettlement of offenders based on a case file analysis of young people who entered and left custody in 2004.  - Report to be produced by September  2005  - Following receipt of the report,  Assembly & YJB to discuss setting of  appropriate targets.  b. NACRO Cymru to produce	NACRO / Housing	· (a)Housing and Community Safety Unit officials have continued to meet with NACRO Cymru on a quarterly basis in reviewing its work plan for YOTs. Work has been progressed against this objective and a final draft has been submitted for consideration.  · Housing officials have held a number of internal meetings	A

a report relating to
"Accommodation and the
work of YOTS" by end July
2005. Report to be:-

- shared with the All Wales Supporting People Homelessness Group and the All Wales Youth Offending Strategy Implementation group to decide next actions. (both in September)
- To be fed into the YJB consultation on sustainable accommodation (by 19 August).

to consider possible objectives/targets across its Housing Strategy and Services Unit functions.

· Housing officials have also met with the YJB's Head of Policy for Resettlement and Communities in drafting appropriate targets. This work is being undertaken in conjunction with activity arising from the consultation responses to the YJB's 'Sustainable Accommodation' strategy and the work of the Board's accommodation and reducing reoffending sub groups.

· (b) NACRO has completed report relating to "Youth Offending Teams, Young People and Accommodation". The report was approved by the Minister for SJ&R and circulated to committee members December 2005. Presentation by NACRO to **AWYOS** 

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A. Business Planning & Strategic Developments			
7. Probation			
To promote links between Communities First Partnerships and Community Safety Partnerships and Youth Offending Teams during 2005/06. Specific actions will include:  - Providing advice in the new Communities First Guidance by September 2005;  - Sharing contact points between the partnerships by June 2005.	Communities First/CSU	Supporting People and Homelessness Group at its next meeting in April.  Interim findings from the report fed into Welsh Assembly Government and NACRO responses to YJB consultation.  New Guidance will be published shortly. There will be an informal consultation and AWYOSIG will have an opportunity to comment. Group members will be expected to consider how they can engage with CSPs and exercise influence to ensure that the agenda is driven forward and that CSPs are more proactive.	B - Partly met.  Communit Safety contact points shared with Communit First Team  Some slippage in guidance – now due to be published summer 2006.
		Group December 2005 and report published for distribution to stakeholders.  • Report to be shared with the	

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Probation Areas in Wales to ensure that youth justice issues are integrated within business planning processes and strategic developments during the year including:  ? Area Business Plans (1 April 2005)and Annual Reports (30 Sept 2005)  ? The Wales Pathfinder for NOMS (30 Sept 2005)  ? The Wales Reducing	Probation Service	§1 Area Business Plans published and implemented	A
Reoffending Action Plan		from 1.4.05 and Annual Reports completed by 30.6.05.	
(RRAP) (31 March 2006)			A
		§2 Participation in Wales Pathfinder Project - concluded in January 2006.	A
		· Wales Reducing Re-offending Strategy - consultation completed.	
B. Wales Reducing Reoffending Action			
Plan			
Wales juvenile resettlement strategy			A
to be published as part of the Reducing Re- offending Action Plan, thus ensuring that juvenile as well as adult factors are addressed in the plan. (30 Sept 2005)	NPS/NOMS	Section on young people included in the Strategy following a project in 2005/06. Document out for consultation entitled "Joining Together in Wales; An Adult and Young People's Strategy to Reduce Reoffending", January 2006.	
C. Youth Offending Teams			
The Wales Probation Areas to contribute to			
and liaise with Youth Offending Teams by:			
? seconding staff to YOTs (31 March 2006)		§1 Staff seconded to all the	A
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? active involvement at YOT management steering groups (as meetings scheduled across Wales)  ? working on the interfaces of juvenile and adult offender services - offender	Probation Service	§3 Involvement in YOT Management Steering Groups ongoing.  §4 Interface work ongoing with transfer procedures, secondment agreements etc. as in PC 91/2005.	A
services - offender assessment, offender management and offender interventions (31 March 2006)  ? nominating an Assistant Chief Officer to be the lead on youth justice matters (1 April 2005)  ? management of identified Priority and Other Prolific		§5 ACOs nominated in each Area.  §6 PPOs identified and managed in each Area.	A A
Offenders in each locality (31 March 2006)  ? attending Crime & Disorder Act 1998 Chief Officer groups, CSPs, LCJBs and other multi-agency strategic forums. (as meetings schedules across Wales)  D. Children Act 2004		·1 Meetings attended across spectrum of multi-agency groups as listed.	A
The Wales Probation Area to take forward implementation of the Children Act 2004, filling its role as a "relevant partner", in relation to interagency co-operation to improve the well-being of children. (31 March 2006)	Probation Service	·2 PC 63/2005 issued and being implemented and Children Act 2004 duties referenced in 2006/07 Business Plans.	A
8. Workforce Development			
To increase the use of suitable vocational qualifications and National Occupational Standards amongst practitioners working with children and young people in Wales by March 2006 by:	Skills for Justice	Practitioners have contributed to review and revision of Community Justice NOS which are going through final stage of ratification  Work with the YJB HR and Learning Advisor for Wales has resulted in a successful bid by	A
organising a focus group for practitioners in Wales (Sept 2005) to gather contributions for the review		SfJ for funding to carry out a comprehensive review of the YJ NOS starting in Spring 2006.  ELWa Skills Development Fund project has resulted in practitioners from YOT teams across Wales registering or on the waiting list for NVQs in Youth Justice with Safer Merthyr	A

of Community Tydfil. Justice NOS and The SDF project with SMT has resulted in A qualifications, ongoing interest and registration for NVQs and interest from SMT in developing their · promoting portfolio of qualifications across YJ and new and Community Safety. revised qualifications 8 Modern Apprentices with Swansea YOT are and standards due to complete their MApp in Community arising from Justice with Gorseinon College in Summer 2005 review 2006. process Α amongst Working with YJB in Wales to address practitioners Leadership and Management skills issues and learning through a cross justice sector L and M steering providers, group. · developing capacity of existing assessment centre provision in A Wales to deliver NVQs for those working in Youth Justice. A

9. Differences or Discrimination Report

Implementation Group to consider the YJB Differences or Discrimination report to see if there are any lessons for Wales.	YJB/WAG	AWYOSIG discussed report at September meeting. YJB provide leadership on tackling related issues; developments in taking this work forward include:	A
Key Milestones are:  Group to discuss report by September 2005  Subject to views of group to consider		- all YOTs to have action plans in place to achieve equal treatment at local level;	A
whether it is worth examining practice in one or two YOTs.		- introduction from April 2005 of a YOT performance indicator;	
		- On-going research in relation to an analysis/summary of main trends and - development of baseline	A – YJB produced analysis of YOT Race Action
		information to encourage discussion/linking with other initiatives.	plans from England and Wales
		Following a request from the AWYOSIG the YJB are liaising with Chairs of all LCJBs to consider how best to address the issues identified in the report.	
		The YJB have now written to all LCJB chairs, enclosing a copy of the report.	
• The police forces in Wales will ensure that all of the 'strategic' recommendations, impacting on the service, made by Lord Lamming following his inquiry into the tragic death of Victoria Climbie are implemented by 31 March 2006.	Police	- The strategic recommendations arising from the enquiry have been implemented in Gwent, Dyfed Powys, North and South Wales police force areas	A
· In an effort to extend the core schools programme to those who are disengaged or excluded from mainstream education, a package specifically written for this group will be trialed by 31		- it was not possible to trial an extended programme for disengaged and excluded children by 31 March 2006.	C – has not been progressed during
March 2006.		Work is underway to have the appropriate	2005-06
		modules ready for piloting by September	
		2006, now that funding has been	
		identified.	

In conjunction with the Youth Justice Board, to review the present Secure Estate arrangements in Wales and to make recommendations by December 2005.	YJB and Assembly	Draft report prepared in December and Final report agreed with Minister in March 2006.	A
Welsh distribution formula in respect of YJB grant to YOTS to be reviewed by the end of March 2006.  Independent consultant to be appointed by September 2005 to conduct the review.	YJB and Assembly	Fully met. Consultant appointed to work alongside AWYOSIG sub-group to review formula. Revised formula and final recommendations accepted by all stakeholders.	A