

SOUTH WEST SCOTLAND COMMUNITY JUSTICE AUTHORITY AREA: MAPPA STRATEGIC OVERSIGHT GROUP REPORT

1. Reason for Report

The MAPPA Strategic Oversight Group has responsibility for shaping MAPPA activity in the South West of Scotland Community Justice Authority area. This involves agreeing the role and representation of the different agencies within the Strategic Oversight Group and brokering the necessary protocols and memoranda of understanding which formalise these.

This report provides a brief summary of the challenges facing the group and also provides an overview of the action being taken to respond to these challenges.

2. Background

2.1 The remit of the Strategic Oversight Group is to produce a Strategic Action Plan to respond to the requirements of the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2005 and ensure that there is a clearly defined strategic oversight structure.

2.2 The Group currently includes representation from the following organisations:

- South Ayrshire Local Authority
- North Ayrshire Local Authority
- East Ayrshire Local Authority
- Dumfries and Galloway Local Authority
- NHS Ayrshire and Arran
- NHS Dumfries & Galloway
- Strathclyde Police
- Dumfries and Galloway Police
- Scottish Prison Service.
- SWS Community Justice Authority
- MAPPA (Co-ordinators)

2.3 The group initially responded to the implementation of the new legislation and national guidance however has now moved onto to a second phase of developing a strategic plan which will bring consistency of approach across the Community Justice Authority.

3. Key priorities

A draft 3 year strategic action plan is being developed and it is hoped that it can be presented to all four Chief Officer Groups by the end of 2011. The key areas of work being progressed are: -

- Reviewing and updating the current Strategic Oversight Group arrangements including governance and accountability.
- Developing a performance and reporting cycle
- Developing self evaluation arrangements
- Implementation of MAPPA Guidance and any future legislation
- Oversight of Significant Case Reviews
- Management of Violent Offenders
- Implementation of the Sex Offender Community Disclosure Scheme

There is also requirement placed upon us to ensure that there are links made with the other public protection agenda's (Child and Adult protection, GIRFEC and Domestic Abuse Violence against Women Partnership).

4. Action undertaken by the Strategic Oversight Group to date

The Strategic Oversight Group meets on a quarterly basis and has agreed in principle to develop a draft 3 year strategic action plan. In the past year, the focus of the Group has been on Significant Case Reviews which are ongoing within the Community Justice Authority area and this has had an effect of the development of the strategic plan. In the meantime however the following areas of work are ongoing: -

- Development of a Significant Case Review process
- Development of draft governance arrangements.
- Development of a draft constitution for the Strategic Oversight Group

Once completed these documents and the draft 3 year strategic action plan will be presented to the 4 Chief Officer Groups within the Community Justice Authority where agreement will be reached on the short, medium and long term priorities.

In terms of the governance arrangements, it is hope that a structured reporting framework can be agreed with the respective Chief Officer Groups which will ensure consistency of approach and also defined set of local arrangements.

It is suggested that a minimum of 6 monthly updates are provided and this will be supplemented with additional updates where appropriate.

5. Recommendation

The Chief Officer Group is asked to:

- 5.1 **note** the progress being made by the Strategic Oversight Group in developing a 3 year Strategic Action Plan designed to respond to the challenges posed by the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2005
- 5.2 **agree** that the Strategic Oversight Group will submit the relevant Governance, Constitution documents and Strategic Action Plan to the Chief Officer Group at an agreed meeting by the end of 2011.
- 5.3 **agree** appropriate reporting arrangements.

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