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Agenda Item: 12.

Integration Joint Board

Date of Meeting: 14 March 2018.

Subject: Orkney Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan 2018-21.

1. Summary

1.1. This report introduces the Orkney Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan 2018-21.

2. Purpose

2.1. This report is for noting the work of the Orkney Community Justice Partnership, and approving in principle the contribution to be made by services within the strategic planning remit of Orkney Health and Care to the Orkney Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan 2018 - 2021.

3. Recommendations

The Integration Joint Board is invited to:

3.1. Note the content of the Orkney Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan 2018 - 2021,

3.2. Approve the contribution to implementation of the Plan to be made by services within the strategic planning remit of Orkney Health and Care.

4. Background

4.1. The Orkney Community Justice Partnership was established in April 2017, in line with the disestablishment of regional Community Justice Authorities on 31 March 2017, and establishment from 1 April 2017 of local Community Justice Partnerships under the provisions of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016. The Act states "The community justice partners for the area of a local authority must, in accordance with such provision as to timing as the Scottish Ministers make by regulations, publish a plan in relation to community justice for the area". The Act identifies the following Community Justice Partners acting jointly:

- The local authority for the area.
- The health board for the area, or within whose area the area of the local authority falls.

- The chief constable of the Police Service of Scotland.
- The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.
- Skills Development Scotland.
- Any integration joint board established by virtue of section 9 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 for the area, or within whose area the area of the local authority falls.
- The Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service.
- The Scottish Ministers (covering, in effect, the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, and the Scottish Prison Service).

4.2. These statutory partners, along with a wide range of third sector and other relevant organisations, including those representing victims, have been represented on the Orkney Community Justice Partnership, developing the attached Plan.

4.3. The Scottish Government has provided guidance on the preparation of these local Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plans in its “Community Justice Outcomes, Performance and Improvement Framework”, published in 2016.

4.4. The New Model for Community Justice in Scotland involves the creation of Community Justice Partnerships in each of the 32 Local Authority areas, complemented by the new national body “Community Justice Scotland”, which was due to commence its work in September 2016. Community Justice Scotland provided commentary. The attached Orkney Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan for 2018-21 was considered and endorsed by the Orkney Community Justice Partnership at its meeting on 27 February 2018.

4.5. During 2016-17 an Orkney Community Justice Needs Assessment exercise was undertaken, providing the most comprehensive and well-evidenced local account of Orkney’s needs and resources in relation to Community Justice ever undertaken. In December 2017, the Orkney Community Justice Needs Assessment was updated, and provided with new data on matters such as local use of Bail Supervision and Support, feedback from people who had completed Community Payback Orders, and the age range of recipients of Community Justice services in Orkney. Many of the findings of this Needs Assessment were reassuring, echoing the findings of a number of national “Quality of Life” surveys, and including:

- Consistently low crime rates.
- Reconviction rates that have fallen over time, and are among the lowest in Scotland.
- Sustained exceptionally low levels of Youth Offending.
- Lower than average levels of drug misuse, subject to close monitoring.
- Consistently high successful completion rates for Community Payback Orders imposed by the Courts compared with other Local Authority areas.
- Very high levels of community perceptions of safety e.g. when walking alone.

4.6. In part, these positive indications flow from a lengthy history of positive local collaboration and co-operation in the field of Community Justice. There are, however, inherent challenges such as limitations of geographical isolation, small teams and highly variable demand in Orkney's specific context, as well as new developments and threats such as rapid changes in patterns of substance misuse, and internet-based offending.

5. Contribution to quality

Please indicate which of the Our Plan 2013 to 2018 and 2020 vision/quality ambitions are supported in this report adding Yes or No to the relevant area(s):

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| Promoting survival: To support our communities. | Yes. |
| Promoting sustainability: To make sure economic, environmental and social factors are balanced. | Yes. |
| Promoting equality: To encourage services to provide equal opportunities for everyone. | Yes. |
| Working together: To overcome issues more effectively through partnership working. | Yes. |
| Working with communities: To involve community councils, community groups, voluntary groups and individuals in the process. | Yes. |
| Working to provide better services: To improve the planning and delivery of services. | Yes. |
| Safe: Avoiding injuries to patients from healthcare that is intended to help them. | Yes. |
| Effective: Providing services based on scientific knowledge. | Yes. |
| Efficient: Avoiding waste, including waste of equipment, supplies, ideas, and energy. | Yes. |

6. Resource implications and identified source of funding

6.1. There are no direct resource implications arising from this report.

7. People Who Use Services and Carer Implications

7.1. The benefits of the implementation of the Outcomes Improvement Plan would be for:

- Service users and families - improved outcomes and access to services.
- Victims and Witnesses - improved communication and engagement strategy.
- People with lived experience - improved access to continued support and opportunity to input in to future planning.

8. Human Resource Implications

8.1. There are no direct HR implications arising from this report.

9. Policy / Legal Implications

9.1. Production of a Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan is a joint legal requirement for the named statutory agencies under the terms of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016.

10. Community Planning Implications

10.1. Explicit links have been put in place between community planning, in the form of the Orkney Partnership Board, and the Orkney Community Justice Partnership, which encompasses partners at national level such as the Scottish Prison Service, and the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service, that are outwith the scope of local community planning processes. The Orkney Community Plan 2016-19, which includes the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP), formally acknowledges this linkage as follows:

During 2016-19, the Orkney Partnership Board will formally welcome the member representing Orkney's statutory Community Justice Partnership, formed in response to the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 with a mission to bring together all the agencies involved in the planning, delivery and monitoring of community justice services in order to improve outcomes for service users and the wider community.

11. Risk and Equality assessment

11.1. The attached Equality Impact Assessment indicates that impacts will be positive. However, the Community Justice Partnership will be reviewing progress, so any unforeseen negative impacts will be identified.

11.2. The production and implementation of the Orkney Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan aims to address risk to the community by preventing and reducing further offending by addressing its underlying causes; and safely and effectively managing and supporting those who have committed offences to help them reintegrate into the community and realise their potential for the benefit of all citizens.

12. Direction Required

Please indicate if this report requires a direction to be passed to:

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| NHS Orkney. | No. |
| Orkney Islands Council. | No. |
| Both NHS Orkney and Orkney Islands Council. | Yes. |

13. Conclusion

13.1. The attached Orkney Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan 2018 - 2021, provides the basis on which the new national model for Community Justice can be taken forward locally.

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16. Supporting documents

Appendix 1 – Orkney Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan 2018 – 2021.

Appendix 2 – December 2017 Update to Orkney Community Justice Needs Assessment.

Appendix 3 – Equality Impact Assessment.