

Child on Child Abuse Steering Group

Held on 18th September 2003

at Meadow House, Mansfield

Present: Joe Foley – ACPC Policy Officer
Jonathan Page – Child Protection Co-ordinator
Maureen Shephard – Child Protection Co-ordinator
Karl Phillips – Youth Offending Service
Clare Staley – Team Leader - Vulnerable Children's Services,
North Notts Health Community
Sarah Goff – Child Protection Co-ordinator

Apologies: Pam Rosseter – Head of Child Protection
Bev Mundle – Team Manager, Reception & Assessment
Phil Arnold – Head of Service Youth Offending Team
David Gilbert – Chief Inspector, Notts. Police

Matters Arising

Schedule 1 offenders

Current agreement that YOT will notify SSD of all Schedule 1 offenders. Karl says this isn't always happening as judgements being made about which present a significant risk (e.g. eliminating playground fight issues). Karl felt this needs further discussion including Pam Rosseter.

Agreed to agenda for a future meeting.

MAPPA

Annual report now out.

Seminar to be planned to fit with release of new guidance.

Panel reports

Acknowledged that panel Chairs meeting not held before steering group as planned. Next meeting is booked

Monitoring information to include information re. disability.

Action: Joe Foley to amend monitoring form and circulate to panel Chairs.

Bassetlaw & Newark

3 cases covered as per report attached. Noted still no cases from Newark.

Cases have been identified that should have come to panel. This has been raised with the relevant Service Manager.

Agreed Maureen to discuss further with Pam Rosseter.

Action: Maureen to discuss with Pam Rosseter.

Mansfield & Ashfield

Jonathan presented a verbal report on 3 cases discussed over the last quarter.

In 1 case it was recommended the AIM assessment model was to be used.

Query which police list is checked. Karl Phillips advised there is an arrest list and a list booked into custody.

Action: Jonathan to check with Anji Dyke which list is checked.

BGR

Bev Mundle, Matt Dainty, Suzanne Crockett and Sarah Goff have met and agreed how panel will operate.

Provisional dates set up in October and firm dates planned for November.

2 cases considered by Sarah Goff and Bev Mundle in absence of formal panel. These meetings went well.

1 case led to further discussion about the prosecution of a particular individual.

Action: Sarah to advise Karl Phillips of the details for further consideration.
Karl Phillips to forward final warning gravity scores.

Review of the panel system

Jonathan talked to his paper outlining options for the future structure of intervention with this group of young people in the County. (N.B. Joe Foley fed in comments by Pam Rosseter).

Overall the meeting felt that the option of moving to a strat meeting approach was preferred.

Issues raised:

- Using strategy meeting approach will rely on Team Managers picking up and discussing with CPC.
- CPCs felt very positive as general 'strat meeting' system well understood and embedded within culture.
- Strat meeting approach likely to increase workload for CPCs and implications for admin support.
- Acknowledged benefits of keeping some expertise with 3 CPCs (though issue about localities where CPCs not based).
- Local YOT case holder to attend as necessary.
- Further consideration as to role of YOT police officer. Probable that one officer will be identified as lead for the County.
- ? what reports would be expected at meetings.
- Need to be clear how aim analysis fits with core assessment.
- Health feel positive and would enable their participation in assessment.
- YOT – no significant increase in work anticipated. Positive about proposals.
- Not envisage workload for Police will increase.

Action

- CPCs to forward numbers of cases 2002/3 to Joe Foley.
- Joe Foley to discuss outcome of meeting with Pam Rosseter/David Gilbert.
- Joe Foley to prepare paper for SSD CCSMG and forward to YOT and Police colleagues for use in management teams to consider.
- Joe Foley to discuss with ACPC Policy Officer for Nottingham City.
- ? for discussion at ACPC in December.

N.B. If approved by CCSMG to involve operational manager in development of guidance.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 11th December, 2.00 p.m., at Sherwood Lodge.

