North Strathclyde CJA

Update on CWO recommendations and transition to new model

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Progress against CWO recommendations

- Changes to penal policy recommended in Angiolini report now delivered
- Additional SG funding to support new and better services for women
- Mentoring services
- Future of female custodial estate
- Restructure of community justice



Links to wider Penal Policy Reform

Aim to:

- 1. Deliver a decisive shift in the balance between community and custodial sentences by:
 - a. increasing the use of community-based interventions; and
 - reducing the use of short term custodial sentences;
- 2. Improve the reintegration from custody to community.



Key Activity

- Increasing the number of people who are diverted from prosecution to reduce the number of cases requiring consideration by courts
- Reducing the use of remand
- Reducing the use of short custodial sentences and increasing the use of robust community sentences
- Improving rehabilitation in custody and reintegration to community
- Redesign of Community Justice



Transition plans – next steps

- 100% of transition plans received and evaluation of plans /response letters sent
- CJ transition event held 18 April with CJ Transition leads and statutory partners to address issues raised in the plans
- Further CJ transition event planned for 27 June establishing a network of CJ leads across the 32 Local Authority areas



What the Transition Plans show

- Variety of governance arrangements primarily linked to CPP structures
- Transition funding used to provide dedicated officer resource
- Engagement with some national partners at a local level remains an ongoing issue
- Engagement with third sector varies
- Concerns about sustainability of future resourcing of Community Justice (Scotland) Act new duties



Transition Funding

- £1.6m for three years (£50K per CPP per annum) subject to spending review
- To support the transition to the new model of community justice



Guidance on the new model for Community Justice

- Duty to prepare a Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan for the local area due 31 March 2017
- Duty to publish a Participation Statement showing how you have engaged with communities and third sector bodies on the plan development (can be part of the plan – due 31 March 2017)
- Duty to report on progress of the Community Justice Outcomes Improvement plan on an annual basis



Guidance on the new model for Community Justice

- As with the OPI Framework and the National Strategy, CJ Guidance will be available late June 2016
- Formally 'launched' October 2016
- Draft guidance available on the CJ Redesign Knowledge Hub:

https://khub.net/web/community-justice-redesign-scotland

 For more information email: redesignofcommunityjustice@gov.scot

