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**To: North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority**

**On: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

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**Report by: Chief Executive, Turning Point Scotland**

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**Heading: Turning Point Scotland – Progress Report**

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## **1. Summary**

- 1.1** Turnaround Residential Unit staff have been working closely with Criminal Justice Social Work and the Courts throughout the year. There have been 50 admissions to date this financial year. 60% (30) of the 50 service users have been from North Strathclyde CJA.
- 1.2** The service outcomes have improved across all areas and the occupancy level in the residential unit has been maintained at a consistently high level. The occupancy level has a rolling average for the year of 93%.
- 1.3** At the Turnaround Community Service we are in our third year of co-location with Criminal Justice Social Work in North Strathclyde CJA and South West Scotland CJA. The team has worked with 164 service users since April 2014. An Operational Group continues in each CJA area with local Social Work Managers assisting and supporting referrals. Further strategic issues are reported to a Steering Group consisting of senior officers from CJAs, Turning Point Scotland and Inspiring Scotland. In the community we work according to needs of Criminal Justice Social Work and the partnership is a continued success.
- 1.4** We have restructured our programme according to feedback from service users and this now includes CSCS training for health and safety cards which may increase employability options. We have introduced more physical exercise and Recovery groups along with linking in with Recovery services in the community.

## **1.5 Recent Developments in the Service**

- a) Turnaround is involved with SMART Recovery and they will train 4 staff in this recovery programme which will be made available to service users.
- b) The manager of the Turnaround Community Service has been seconded to the 218 project in Glasgow and Turning Point Scotland is currently advertising for replacement to backfill the post.
- c) The service was submitted for a Care Accolade award. Unfortunately they were runners up receiving a highly commended assessment.

## **1.6 Funding**

The Turnaround service receives funding from section 27 from the Scottish Government. This is administered through Renfrewshire Council.

Inspiring Scotland has been reporting on the performance of Turnaround to the Scottish Government. They had recommended that the service receive funding for a further 3 years. As yet no formal indication has been given but it would appear that the Scottish Government are more likely to approve an additional one year funding. This is still uncertain but an indication is expected closer to Christmas.

The Scottish Government has yet to approve funding for the financial year 2015/2016. In the meantime Turning Point Scotland will continue to engage with Inspiring Scotland and the Scottish Government with a view to securing a longer term commitment.

## **1.7 Other Developments – Turning Point Scotland**

- a) The Low Moss PSP is working closely with the Renfrewshire Drug Service and Renfrewshire Housing and in Dumbarton with Alternatives and Criminal Justice Social Work. This will help build stronger links locally in Renfrewshire and West Dumbarton.
- b) Turning Point Scotland have received a grant from Big Lottery funding to develop a Housing First service in Renfrewshire and East Dunbartonshire.
- c) A Turning Point Scotland worker is working closely with Women's Service in Renfrewshire as a Volunteer Coordinator and we are also delivering the HDC service in Dumbarton.
- d) Turning Point Scotland is also involved with the Shine Mentoring project and are working closely with the Women's Service offering additional support.

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## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1** The Authority is asked to note the content of this report.

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## **3. Background**

- 3.1** Turnaround completed a 3 year pilot funding period in March 2011. This resulted in an element of service redesign including co-location with Criminal Justice Social Work teams, creating more flexibility in the referral criteria and working to accommodate wider access as a community alternative.

Since 2011 the Scottish Government has commissioned Inspiring Scotland which is an outcome focused venture philanthropist agency to act as the liaison agency for a number of centrally funded services of which Turnaround is one.

- 3.2** Turnaround's bespoke programme is designed to target new Community Payback Orders and assist with the 'other activities' part of Unpaid Work and this is proving very successful. This programme is used in groups or on a one to one basis depending on need.

- 3.3** Comprehensive promotional work has been undertaken in both CJA areas and operational groups have been established in both CJAs. This continues to raise the profile and awareness of the service and to target appropriate referral routes.

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## **Implications of the Report**

### **Equality & Human Rights**

The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Authorities website.

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