
To: North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority

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Heading: SACRO Shine Service - Update

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Reducing Reoffending Change Fund (RRCF) approved the budget for continuation of Shine until March 2017. The funding has increased with an additional 1.5 FTE posts to reflect the work of the Prison Based Champions. A scoping exercise was undertaken by Shine nationally, addressing demand and resources which has resulted in a redistribution of staffing in several areas. The project managers are in discussion with partners and local authorities to ensure all changes are managed effectively. This had a particular impact on Circle in North Strathclyde who had placed 0.5 Shine post into the area. This post has now been allocated elsewhere and the services users transferred to existing mentors. It did not affect the initial allocation of mentors to North Strathclyde

- 1.2 In 2014/15 Shine service nationally was delivered by the core group of twenty four mentors. This was increased to twenty seven FTE with the additional three funded from underspend in 2013. This funding ceased in March 2015. Following a review, the RRCF increased the allocated funding 2015/17 with an additional 1.5 FTE posts to reflect the work of the Prison Champions, providing a total of 25.5 FTE mentors.

Of the 720 referrals received by Shine nationally from 1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015, a total of 41 were from North Strathclyde – thirty five from prison and six from the community (Inverclyde 2; Renfrewshire 3; West Dumbarton 1). This group were provided with a service by the two allocated mentors working in the area, from Wise Group and Turning Point Scotland, as well as the 0.5 Shine post located there by Circle.

(From 01.04.15 – 20.05.15 there have been 8 referrals from prison and 0 from the community) This is clearly an area for further discussion and ongoing development.

- 1.3 A national working group is being established to consider how Shine can best ensure a service is available to women being held on Remand. This has been a particularly difficult group to access given their short time in custody.
- 1.4 A revision of Operational Guidance and Procedures is being undertaken and a group is being established with representatives from all partners. The local authority has agreed to provide a representative from Criminal Justice Social Work Services (a rep has been nominated from North Strathclyde). This will be a very helpful addition in developing this area of practice.
- 1.5 The recently introduced Case Management System (CMS) has been implemented and is operational across all partners. This will provide a range of business reports to meet the RRCF requirements as well as informing reports to CJAs and local authorities. Phase 2 training to provide support for staff is underway and will reflect the learning from the pilot sites
- 1.6 Shine will co-present a workshop with Aberdeen City Council at Social Work Scotland annual conference on 17th June. The conference theme is Human Rights and the workshop will focus on working with women in the criminal justice system to improve their status and reduce harm and risk in the next generation.
- 1.7 Fiona MacKinnon has joined the Shine team as Project Manager with responsibility for the West of Scotland with Yvonne Robson responsible for the East of the country
- 1.8 Fiona Jamieson, Robertson Trust has requested she be supported to visit Shine Projects across Scotland to meet mentors, service users as well as other interested parties. To date one visit has been made to Ayrshire Shine service

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority is asked to note the content of this report

3. Background

- 3.1 The Ipsos MORI Evaluation report of the Shine service has been circulated to stakeholders and public access. The report shows encouraging levels of positive outcomes along with some challenges. An improvement plan is in development to address some of the issues arising from the report, many of which are already being addressed as highlighted above
 - 3.2 Further detailed work across the PSPs in relation to sustainability beyond 2016/17 is ongoing at a national level.
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4. Implications of the Report

4.1 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 because it is for noting only. 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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