

West Yorkshire Criminal Justice Network Action Plan

West Yorkshire Criminal Justice Network (WY CJN) mission:

Work together to achieve a coordinated approach to improve pathways for people on their journey through prison and into the community, keeping them well and preventing reoffending behaviour.

Priority and issues: Improving communication	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral process needs to be improved • Community services need the information quicker • Improve communication between prison and the Community • Peer support 	
ACTIONS	LEAD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link with organisations attending the HMP Leeds Resettlement Market and follow up on engagement and TTG into community • List of up to date services and contact details. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - support services available in prison • criminal justice support services in community including WY treatment providers. • Review current information sharing processes and agreements • Explore possibility of a single point of contact (co-ordination role to bring together all prison agencies (incl health) and community to identify individual journey between services • SPOCs – across West Yorkshire. Who to contact when and where? • Mentors/ peer support visit to the wings, helps with throughput, describing what is and will be happening • Utilise multi agency meetings / case discussion forums differently and more efficiently across West Yorkshire. MARB and SIM meeting membership / minutes / actions being shared wider in line with 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Blakely, HMP Newhall DART manager to share information around Prison Resettlement markets. • Community services to write up and submit service overview in order to build up resources and contact details of services across the region. • Kayleigh Riley and Debbs Hempel to share respective pathways/journey map for Inclusion and JSP service offer in prisons respectively • Peer mentors and volunteers to be involved in producing information leaflet for initially HMP Leeds, Wealstun and Newhall – Michael Roy, Kelly Cann, Alison Barrie, Sarah Blakely, Dominic Maddocks. • Alison Barrie to identify Lead / chair of MARB/SIM – Multi Agency Review Board and Safety Intervention Meeting in each area/prison and invite to next network meeting. • Agenda item for next network meeting - WYCJN to identify services who wish to attend their local MARB /SIM. We will include a summary overview of MARB and SIM meetings – background and terms of reference.

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<p>information governance to reduce duplication of care and support planning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite Liaison and Diversion rep to WYCJN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivelina Metchkarova-Taylor to contact Clint Hepworth to invite him to join WYCJN
<p>Priority and issues: Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to housing and suitable accommodation; • History / type of convictions preventing people from accessing accommodation and employment; • More grants available for people when they leave prison, for example for white goods and being able to turn a property into a home; • Housing for specific groups e.g. couples, pet owners 	
ACTIONS	LEAD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map out housing support for each district in West Yorkshire. • Share good practice around accessing housing options and support. Increase knowledge and awareness across support services. • Update available rents / lets information websites across region – housing providers. • Raise awareness and implication of the Homelessness Reduction Act and work with local authorities around it. • Explore which Local Authorities are setting up housing pathways for ex-offenders • Issues from WY CJN to be fed into the Yorkshire and Humber Housing Forum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alison Barrie to circulate housing pathway in Leeds as an example. • Donna Kershaw and Samantha Jones to meet with Kayleigh Riley (Inclusion) about pathways and information sharing • Invite housing providers / representatives to next WY CJN meeting. Alison Barrie to invite York St practice rep and Clare Wallace from CRC, Alice Hall to invite a relevant representative from Kirklees. Katie Bearder to invite Ruth Davidson – Bradford. • Debs Hempel to share information about the Alternative Payments Form for Universal Credit claimants • Current CJ network members who currently attend Local Authority Housing Forums to bring back info to network, particularly regarding work with provide landlords and initiatives specific to those in CJ • Kayleigh Riley to invite a link for mental health

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Priority and issues: Discharge process

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unplanned releases especially Friday court releases • Short sentences make it especially difficult as no time to prepare • Communication not joined up- need to share information effectively to streamline the process • Continuity after release i.e. of treatment, education/ETE for example receiving qualifications certificates and being able to continue a qualification if started in prison e.g. NVQ; mental health care including continued medication in prison and then access to a GP (especially more holistic approaches to MH e.g. talking therapies) | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resettlement Markets in prisons were identified as a good way / place to engage with prisoners before release. Resettlement markets may identify prisoners support needs that have not been highlighted before. • Map out prison leavers process particularly for last minute unexpected / unplanned releases. Bradford process and dedicated clinics was highlighted as a model of good practice. • Leeds Departure Lounge at HMP Leeds also highlighted as a model of good practice. • Challenges around receiving / sending confirmation of medication/s. At present some Prisons and community services are faxing. Group agreed email / scanning would be best for security and reliability. • Need to ensure that a representative from courts attends the network to raise issues with unplanned releases • Development of current passport schema to identify which services an individual is in contact with, including health, statutory and voluntary sector services. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Blakely to email info to Ivelina to circulate. • Katie Bearder to share the process as the bridging prescription is working really well in Bradford • Agenda item for next meeting. Organise shadowing of services across WY region between network members. • Sarah Blakley, HMP Newhall DART Manager to look at streamlining process across Newhall, Leeds and Wealstun. • Agenda item for next meeting. Invite Magistrate / judge to WY CJ network meetings. Ask attendees for suggestions from across region. |