

Project Update Meeting

Tuesday 20 January 2020

James Miller House, 98 West George Street, Glasgow

Attendees

Niven Rennie

Alastair Muir

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1. Welcome and Introduction

Niven welcomed everyone to the meeting and, in particular, welcomed S38(1)(b) and S38(1)(b) to their first meeting. S38(1)(b) was representing S38(1)(b).

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from S38(1)(b) and S38(1)(b). Similarly, nobody was available from Police Scotland Safer Communities to attend this meeting.

3. Minutes and Action Log

The minutes of the meeting of 17 December 2019 were adopted as a true record and Niven ran through the action log updating as required.

4. Current Projects – Update

4.1 Braveheart Industries

S38(1)(b) reported on the fact that two new trainees, S38(1)(b), had started. S38(1)(b) is 18, our youngest trainee as yet, with a host of traumatic issues in her past. S38(1)(b) will leave on 14th February and is seeking suitable work. She will be supported for 6 months. S38(1)(b) has had his contract extended on a month to month basis at present. S38(1)(b), who leaves in March, has been employed as an electrician.

S38(1)(b) has settled well into the head chef role bringing his experience from working with Jamie Oliver's 15 and has set about creating a new training programme which is skills based and structured. S38(1)(b) is covering the Moltiplex at present until a new cook is recruited.

Skills Development Scotland are now doing regular sessions and assisting the development of CVs for the trainees.

An in house recovery meeting has been established by S38(1)(b) where existing trainees, potential trainees and former trainees are provided with continuing care and support on their recovery journey.

The clinical director at the hospital is delighted with the current service and standard being maintained.

4.2 Navigator

S38(1)(b) was unable to attend due to the induction training for the new Wishaw navigators. Niven provided an overview of the navigator programme as currently developing.

4.3 One Community

S38(1)(b) reported that One Community remains extremely busy. An initial board meeting will take place shortly although charitable status remains to be achieved.

The flow of individuals from Africa continues and a classroom meeting of new arrivals took place at the weekend. Knowledge of S38(1)(b) and One Community grows continually and thus the organisation receives continual referrals regarding human trafficking, FGM, honour based violence etc. This is placing huge demand on S38(1)(b) and the community champions she works with.

4.4 The Crib – Edinburgh

S38(1)(b) informed the meeting that the bus launch will take place on 6 February and initially it will visit schools in deprived communities. Young people will then help to develop the services it will offer. During the summer months these services will be expanded to the communities.

S38(1)(b) also outlined plans to assist the NHS to recruit 10/12 individuals with lived experience who will be supported and mentored in their employment by Aid and Abet mentors.

4.5 Dundee

S38(1)(b) provided an update on developments in Dundee where there is great interest in the launch of the Crib and how this could be developed for Dundee. The biggest issues in Dundee are substance abuse and mental health and S38(1)(b) is planning to observe the VOW to see if some of this project could be lifted to Dundee.

Work continues on the Dundee Recovery App and website and S38(1)(b) outlined her desire to have this available to Police Scotland officers on mobile devices.

5. Future Projects

5.1 Community Navigator

A scoring of bids to supply this work will take place on 9th March and Will hoped things will progress thereafter.

5.2 Inverclyde

S38(1)(b) believes that Inverclyde Council are no longer interested in this project as they have not been back in touch as arranged. Social Services Criminal Justice are engaging however and have identified the fact that they do not get notified of prison releases until something happens adversely. Thus, S38(1)(b) is now working to develop information sharing in this area.

5.3 Caithness/Sutherland

S38(1)(b) reported on a great meeting in Sutherland. The two areas have different demographics and Sutherland has problems with violence in the home in the main whilst Caithness issues are drugs/alcohol related. The fire service are very keen to become involved in addressing these issues. Our role will be to establish resilience hubs in both areas.

There is work ongoing there in terms of the national trauma training framework and it is apparent that some local authorities are paying for expensive trauma trainers and experiencing negatively from them. S38(1)(b) is to meet S38(1)(b) who wrote the report to discuss this with her.

Finally, the ADP in the area have £2m that they aren't sure how to spend and are interested in GP navigators. S30(b)(i)&(ii)

5.4 Prison Project

After another set back, the link in Low Moss who had been helpful was transferred, the governor has agreed for the trauma informed person centred project to go ahead. It will involve 3 months work with a small number of people. 11 people have been identified as potential participants and they will be interviewed this week after which selection will be made. It is anticipated the project will start by the end of February.

5.5 Football Related Violence

Will provided an update on discussions with Pollock Juniors.

5.6 Custody Navigator

S38(1)(b) reported that a strategic meeting will take place on 4th February and, if all are agreed, advertisements will be made thereafter for recruitment.

5.7 'You Decide' Project

S38(1)(b) stated that S38(1)(b) would undertake the evaluation next week and that S38(1)(b) and S38(1)(b) are meeting the participants for one to one after care. S38(1)(b) is currently providing telephone support to three of them and the question is what next? Niven outlined a meeting he had with a group from another area of Glasgow who would be interested in helping here. S38(1)(b) also said he had enrolled some of the boys in a gym.

In February another programme starts in the same area with a group of girls who are involved in violence in the community.

G20 from Maryhill are seeking to involve You decide in their work and Alastair outlined a proposal for joint schools work funded by the Wise Group.

5.8 Legal Aid Board

The legal aid board had circulated an email outlining progress and their continued interest in this project.

5.9 Mentoring Accreditation

Niven provided an overview of the meeting of 19th December where it had been discussed that the quality of mentoring that the VRU observed often left something to be desired. Thus there was a proposal to develop a VRU mentoring course which would be SVQ qualified. S38(1)(b) and S38(1)(b) would lead on this and will pull together some strands of work that had already commenced some time ago in this respect.

5.10 Lanarkshire

S38(1)(b) outlined work she is doing in Lanarkshire regarding structured deferred sentencing and interventions involving the local authority intervention hub.

5.11 Adverse Community Experiences

Will provided an overview of the work that has been done in respect of this project to date. It is planned that we will work with the Wise Group as our main partners and deliver an evidence based project in the North of Glasgow aimed at utilising 15 years of VRU experience, everything we know works, to tackle the multiple vulnerabilities that are present including mental health, alcohol, gambling, violence and other crime.

Many partners have been met already and are supportive. Our plan is to ensure that our project dovetails with Glasgow's new strategic plan to be delivered when ready, potentially in a couple of year's time.

In the first instance we will bid for funding for a small team of navigators/mentors to start the work with project leads and a social researcher. The aim will be to map current service providers to ensure we don't replicate or step on toes.

6. Royal Military Tattoo Programme 2019

S38(1)(b) has arranged a meeting on 22 January to discuss the planning with the army. It is intended that a corporal and a soldier will be dedicated to the team. Tactical Support Group for 2021 will be the navy and recruitment of trainees will be discussed before the end of the month.

7. Media

S38(1)(b) was not present **S38(1)(b)**

8. Training

S38(1)(b) provided an update on the range of work he is undertaking and plans to develop training in the future.

9. Website

S38(1)(b) reported that he was currently uploading pictures to the new website which should be operational in the next week or so. Whilst the existing website would point people to the new site, the address will be SVRU.com.

10. Evaluation

S38(1)(b) informed the meeting that she had prepared an evaluation template that could be applied to each project. It had been sent to each project lead for comment. She then provided an overview of evaluations currently underway or to be progressed.

11. AOCB

11.1 Conference

Niven said that there was money in the current budget for a conference and he was keen for it to be arranged for May/June. His preference was for it to be in Dundee and he asked **S38(1)(b)** to identify potential venues in liaison with June.

ACTION: S38(1)(b) to identify potential venue for conference in Dundee..

11.2 Staff Away Day

Alastair provided an overview of the day on 28th January and the travel arrangements.

11.3 Peer to Peer Supervision

Niven reminded staff of the need for annual appraisal and the previous agreement to advance these. He then asked **S38(1)(b)** to outline a proposal for peer to peer supervision which will be considered at the away day.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at 1000hrs on Tuesday 10 March – at JMH.

