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**Project Update Meeting  
Wednesday 9 November 2022  
Conference Room, JMH**

**Attendees**

Niven Rennie

Will Linden

S38(1)(b)



**1. Welcome and Introduction**

Niven welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced new attendee S38(1)(b) from PSOS Glasgow Division and also S38(1)(b) of the Hope Collective visiting prior to the Glasgow Hope Hack.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies had been received from S38(1)(b)



**3. Minutes and Action Log**

The minutes of the meeting of 7 September 2022 were adopted as a true record and Niven ran updated the action log as necessary.

## 4. Partner Charity Updates

### 4.1 Braveheart Industries

S38(1)(b) ran through recent decisions of the BHI board which included a temporary cessation of trading at the Dental Hospital. The Chief Operating Officer is seeking to extend his hours of deployment and this may allow time to focus on new funding options. Niven also highlighted a request from Inverness where an organisation are seeking information to assist them to introduce a S&A type model. Will is going to provide support in this regard.

**ACTION: Will to engage with organisation in Inverness and provide advice in respect to this issue.**

### 4.2 One Community

Niven reported on further funding obtained by OCS from Children in Need which will allow further staff to be employed.

## 5. Current Project Updates

### 5.1 The Crib – Edinburgh

S38(1)(b) has been in touch with some of the Edinburgh partners and when S38(1)(b) joins on 28 November introductions will be made which will enable the work in the area to progress.

### 5.2 Dundee

S38(1)(b) had been unable to join the meeting but S38(1)(b) provided a summary of his visit to Dundee and spoke about how impressed he was with the work ongoing there.

### 5.3 Ayr Wallacetown

S38(1)(b) reported that the hub was now fully operational and being well used. Amey highways had commenced groundwork improvements in the area and the role of co-ordinator, a key role in the Wallacetown project, was being advertised shortly. The 'You Decide' project was still delayed but an answer will probably be forthcoming this week when the employers, Riverside Trust, meet the local authority. Finally, the Seldom Heard Communities project with SIPR will progress this week with a review of the submitted photography.

### 5.4 Custody Navigator

S38(1)(b) reported that the project was progressing well in Fife where 4 navigators and a team leader were now being employed over 2 locations.

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S38(1)(b) added information regarding the second site in Ayrshire where further discussions with the ADP are ongoing regarding their plans for a leaflet drop in Kilmarnock. The Division prefer the Custody Navigator option but are not sure of the situation regarding the progress of the leafletting option. Niven stressed the need for this to progressed in order that the financial payment could be made to SACRO and S38(1)(b) undertook to advance this as saltcoats would be a fall back site if Kilmarnock fell through.

S38(1)(b) provided an overview of recent Police Scotland discussions around custody intervention and conversations with the Wise Group relating to their ability to support similar services.

### 5.5 ECHO Project/You Decide

Will summarised extensive work undertaken by the 'You Decide' team in the East End of Glasgow including the development of a film at S39(1) school in which S38(1)(b) had assisted the rough cut of which had been shown at the Kelvingrove Art Gallery. Will also commented on recent press attention on problematic schools in Aberdeen and Fife highlighting that a staff support programme the VRU had utilised in S39(1) might be able to be adapted in support of other schools with similar issues.

In Glasgow North the 'You Decide' team have engaged with 26 new clients since the last project update meeting. The food drop ins have been very successful picking up 4 clients in one day in Possil. These are in the main quick turnarounds with small elements of help required rather than the more complex cases which are referred. Funding applications are being processed to expand the navigator service.

### 5.6 Peer Inclusion Project

S38(1)(b) had submitted a written report.

### 5.7 Help the Helpers

S38(1)(b) provided an update on help the helper training covering recent training in Edinburgh and plans to introduce training within a prison setting.

### 5.8 Community Navigator Ayrshire

After discussion it was agreed that the VRU contribution to this project had concluded and the item can be removed from the agenda.

### 5.9 Prison Projects

S38(1)(b) advised that she has arranged a meeting at Edinburgh prison to introduce David Abernethy the governor to both S38(1)(b). It was hoped that we could now build on the work that S38(1)(b) had started.

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## 5.10 Hope Collective

With S38(1)(b) present he was able to provide an overview of the genesis of the Hope collective and the long term aspiration, underlining the fact that the thinking of SVRU is at the very heart of the initiative. Niven thereafter outlined plans for the second Glasgow Hope Hack on 11 November.

## 5.11 Violence Against Women and Girls

S38(1)(b) updated on progress on this item including recent discussions with S38(1)(b) from 'Stop It Now'. Moreover, links had been formed with a similar project in Melbourne, Australia.

## 6. Future Projects.

### 6.1 Caithness/Sutherland

S38(1)(b) provided an update and it was agreed that this item could be removed from the agenda.

### 6.2 Scottish Government/SWDF Bystander

S38(1)(b) advised that a meeting would be held on 30 November with Scottish Government aimed at identifying training needs and how a train the trainer model might be delivered. Discussion was also had on how this training could aid Police Scotland.

### 6.3 Human Library

There was nothing to report this month.

### 6.4 Prevention Strategy

Similarly, Will stated that there was no report this month.

## 7. Training

S38(1)(b) had submitted a written report.

## 8. Evaluation/Research

S38(1)(b) asked when S38(1)(b) might be replaced and was informed that the advertisement of the post was reliant on the Scottish Government budget being finalised but hopefully that will be at hand soon.

## **9. Website/media**

S38(1)(b) summarised numerous items of media activity and also interest from France with a piece to follow in December. The website was also discussed with S38(1)(b) having attended a training course on accessibility.

## **10. AOCB**

### **10.1 Moira's Run**

Niven thanked everyone who had contributed to such a successful event, particularly Will and June who had even prepared lunches.

### **10.2 Edinburgh Business School**

In addition, Niven summarised a very successful event with Edinburgh business school and thanked contributors.

### **10.3 Trauma Informed Policing**

S38(1)(b) provided an overview of the recent conference they had attended in Birmingham.

## **11 Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be advised in due course.