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Project Update Meeting

Wednesday 27 July 2022

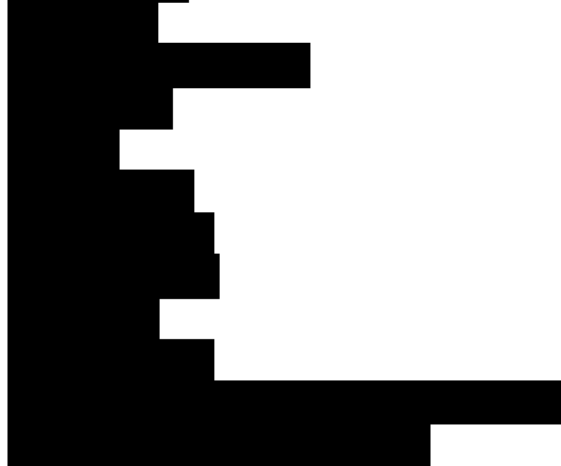
Conference Room, JMH

Attendees

Niven Rennie

Will Linden

S38(1)(b)



1. Welcome and Introduction

Niven welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Inspector S38(1)(b) who will represent PPCW Division at future meetings. He summarised the current staffing situation, which should improve in the short term, and apologised for the cancellation of one project update meeting during the peak holiday period and the movement of this meeting to allow staff to return.

2. Apologies

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

3. Minutes and Action Log

The minutes of the meeting of 20 April 2022 were adopted as a true record and Niven ran updated the action log as necessary.

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4. Partner Charity Updates

4.1 Braveheart Industries

S38(1)(b) summarised recent developments at BHI, the appointment of former board member Dougall Laing as Chief Operating Officer on a part time basis as from 1 August, and the current staffing operation at the dental hospital. He outlined plans for the café to become more profitable and the long term need to find a sustainable model that supported trainees moving forward.

Niven also paid tribute to the OCS volunteers who had assisted over a troubling period.

4.2 One Community

The financial support for one community was outlined by S38(1)(b). Much of this was from the Big Lottery and Robertson Trust allowing a youth worker to be employed and supported but other bids are awaiting decision including one with BBC Children in Need which has passed certain processes already.

S38(1)(b) also reported on the successful summer school and the work undertaken with 8 young girls who were at risk of sexual exploitation.

Niven had reintroduced OCS to the management team at Glasgow City Centre- due to changes the connection had been lost. Meetings will be arranged in the short term.

5. Current Project Updates

5.1 The Crib – Edinburgh

S38(1)(b) provided an overview of the current work of the CRIB and highlighted that Heavy Sound did not have the capacity to take the second bus although a few charitable partners have expressed an interest. He also outlined interest in the project from further afield particularly from Cleveland who had heard of the project during the recent 4 nations webinar.

S38(1)(b) also confirmed that the Waverley Gardens project had been paused at present due to the internal situation with the railways.

S38(1)(b) had asked about financial support for Lothian projects this year and the ability to financially support a 'You Decide' in the area. Niven answered to the effect that there was some money available but probably not to do both at this time. The priority in his view was to arrange another meeting with FaceNorth regarding 'You Decide' as the organisation had just gained charitable status.

ACTION: S38(1)(b) to arrange for further meeting with FaceNorth regarding 'You Decide'

5.2 Dundee

Niven summarised difficulties encountered in continuing the VRU activity in Tayside since S38(1)(b). He had held meetings with many of the stakeholders in the area and was pleased to intimate that Positive Steps are planning to employ S38(1)(b) on a part time basis as a VRU interface for the community and some financial support for this had been provided by the SVRU. Thus it was anticipated that the work in Dundee would restart as soon as S38(1)(b) could be appointed.

5.3 Ayr Wallacetown

S38(1)(b) confirmed that the contractual arrangements for 'You Decide' at Wallacetown had passed through council procurement and were now with Riverside Trust to complete. Meetings had taken place with elected members to iron out some of the difficulties encountered in the area and these would continue. Finally, S38(1)(b) provided an overview of activity in the area over the summer and underlined the progress made.

5.4 Custody Navigator

S38(1)(b) provided another positive report with funding for 4 posts and a co-ordinator secured by the Fife ADP and Criminal Justice Social Work through to 2026. Indeed, the interim evaluation undertaken by Dr S38(1)(b) had provided very positive outcomes with the full report awaited. The service itself was extremely busy, it will not operate a waiting list and thus the staff are fully engaged and yet there were still another 30 people who would have benefitted from navigator intervention had there been more staff available.

There was significant interest in this project from elsewhere. Niven underlined the additional funding for a second site that had been supplied by government, noting that a meeting would take place later that day with other government officials looking at linking this second pilot to a pilot of alcohol bracelets which may provide room for additional staff. The preferred location for this remained Ayrshire.

5.5 ECHO Project/You Decide

S38(1)(b) summarised progress in both Glasgow North and Glasgow East where a full staffing compliment is in place. She highlighted engagements with other agencies and the potential to hire a 'hub' as and when required in both areas of the city at reasonable cost. Will added detail regarding potential funding streams for future expansion which are being progressed in conjunction with FARE.

5.6 Peer Inclusion Project

S38(1)(b) provided a report on his work with North West Glasgow Social Work which is drawing interested from elsewhere in the city. He summarised the situations being faced by some of his 7 clients and the problems he often encountered whilst engaging with

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them. Will was awaiting funding information from S38(1)(b) who was currently on leave.

5.7 Help the Helpers

S38(1)(b) was at a training event and had submitted a written paper which was noted.

5.8 Community Navigator Ayrshire

S38(1)(b) summarised recent work including S38(1)(b) evaluation report informing the meeting that South and East Ayrshire ADPs were funding this project for a further year.

5.9 Prison Projects

S38(1)(b) reported that work in this respect had largely halted at Perth Prison due to S38(1)(b) S38(1)(b) but hopefully can restart once she is employed at Positive Steps.

5.10 Online Engagement/Media

S38(1)(b) reported on the campaigns success at the recent Scottish Marketing Awards where, against stiff opposition, the campaign had been awarded a silver and bronze award in two separate categories.

5.11 Hope Collective

Niven summarised the work of the Hope Collective, the idea behind the re-imagined report and potentially the re-imagined fund. He intimated that the Glasgow (Scottish) hack would take place on Friday 11 November. Whilst he had wished this to move to Edinburgh or Dundee this year, timings and logistics had made this difficult. There was a chance that a series of 'mini-hacks' could be organised and these would ensure other young people in Scotland had involvement.

5.12 Violence Against Women and Girls

S38(1)(b) written report had summarised progress..

6. Future Projects.

6.1 Caithness/Sutherland

S38(1)(b) continues to progress this for PPCW and a report on progress would be obtained at some point.

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6.3 Scottish Government/SWDF Bystander

S38(1)(b) informed all present that a date had been set to train 16 individuals at Scottish Government in late August. Similarly the input to the SWDF had created interest elsewhere and meetings were being held in this respect.

6.4 Human Library

Again covered by S38(1)(b) written report.

6.5 Prevention Strategy

Will summarised recent progress now that the workshops had concluded along with difficulties encountered in attempting to secure an authentic voice of lived experience.

7. Training

S38(1)(b) had nothing to add to his written report.

8. Evaluation/Research

Will stated that recruitment for a replacement for S38(1)(b) would begin immediately but due to vetting may take some time to conclude. S38(1)(b) would continue to use allocated research time at Strathclyde University to support the SVRU in the meantime.

9. Website/media

S38(1)(b) summarised the re-branding exercise that has been undertaken and provided an update on recent media inquiry. S38(1)(b) then provided a note of the implications of the re-brand for the website.

10. AOCB

10.1 Glasgow City Centre

Niven drew attention to the work being done by Police Scotland in the city centre of Glasgow on a public health basis. He said that he had been quite impressed with the information provided by the command team and that better ties between the two organisations would be made.

10.2 Edinburgh Business School

Niven provided information relating to a repeat of last year's collaboration with EBS for PhD students from Copenhagen due to the highly rated event last year.

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11 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at 1000hrs on Wednesday 31 August 2022.

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