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**Project Update Meeting**

**Tuesday 13 April 2021**

**Via Zoom**

**Attendees**

Niven Rennie

Will Linden

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Supt Norrie Conway (Police Scotland)

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**1. Welcome and Introduction**

Niven opened the meeting and introduced Superintendent Norrie Conway from PPCW at Police Scotland who was attending as an observer for the first time.

**2. Apologies**

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

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**3. Minutes and Action Log**

The minutes of the meeting of 16 March 2021 were adopted as a true record and Niven ran through the action log updating as required.

**4. Partner Charity Updates**

**4.1 Braveheart Industries**

S38(1)(b) provided the BHI update intimating that the venture at the Dental Hospital had recommenced on a limited basis utilising Chef S38(1)(b), the remaining trainee. Footfall is very limited and S38(1)(b) provide the requisite mentoring support.

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SCVO have intimated that annual funding has been resumed and that BHI can be allocated up to five places this year. That is too many for the dental school but there is a plan to discuss other opportunities which will be discussed later in the agenda under the ECHO project.

Finally, S38(1)(b) highlighted that the funding application for the Chief Operating Officer is being submitted to the Robertson Trust for consideration.

### 4.2 One Community

S38(1)(b) explained that S38(1)(b) had submitted apologies as she is progressing a funding bid to the Scottish Government's equally safe fund. Similarly a bid for a Youth Worker S38(1)(b) been submitted to the Children in Need fund and it is S38(1)(b) g levels can be increased as a result of these submissions allowing the charity to grow.

Some issue shad arisen with the bank of Scotland and the process of opening the OCS bank account has taken longer than anticipated. S38(1)(b) confirmed that contingency arrangements have been made for S38(1)(b) in the meantime until the problems are resolved.

Otherwise the charity goes from strength to strength and are even considering the appointment of a male community worker to assist in addressing gender based issues.

## 5. Current Project Updates

### 5.1 The Crib – Edinburgh

S38(1)(b) had submitted a written report and highlighted the following issues. The bicycle repair facility in East Lothian has developed further with the employment of an individual with the requisite skill set and the ability to interact positively with young people. 33 Young people are interacting with the CRIB bus and the Heavy Sound premises at Cockenzie but due to COVID restrictions that restricts daily participation to a limit of 8-12 people. This engagement is currently being evaluated.

A meeting will take place on Friday 16 April with the Edinburgh Command Team to outline the work being done by Jim in Edinburgh and discuss the potential for support from the local police division.

Discussions continue regarding the Princess Street gardens development is still being discussed with Housing First now looking like being the lead agency who will facilitate the development on behalf of other partners including the Cyrineans, the Rock Trust, Quarriers etc.

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## 5.2 Dundee

S38(1)(b) had submitted apologies but her written report was noted.

## 5.3 Ayr Wallacetown

S38(1)(b) outlined numerous presentations and contacts with other organisations that had taken place as the initial scoping phase continues. The first meeting of the new Strategic Planning Partnership had taken place although third sector representation requires to be improved. The local police division have also committed £10K from the partnership fund to be used to help develop the Wallacetown initiative.

S38(1)(b) local Fire Service lead has committed himself to deplete S38(1)(b) resource to work with Jason in Wallacetown and a start date for the S38(1)(b) is awaited. Plans are also in place for a C2 community asset event to take place in the area on 29 April.

Dialogue continues involving S38(1)(b) and S38(1)(b) from PSOS Information management about information sharing protocols to assist service delivery in that area.

## 5.4 Custody Navigator

S38(1)(b) expanded on his written report and highlighted that referrals to the project were 'flowing' on the electronic connections. This has allowed S38(1)(b) to make online interventions and she is currently supporting about a dozen clients. Interviews for a new member of staff will take place this week with induction and support training to be provided thereafter.

Some discussion followed regarding the cluttered landscape of police custody interventions schemes with the latest being a proposal in Inverclyde for a drugs related pilot involving Turning Point Scotland. S38(1)(b) confirmed that she is evaluating the Kirkcaldy pilot, the Dundee project with Positive Steps and will include one other PSOS pilot with an aim to identify the best practice in this area.

## 5.5 ECHO Project

S38(1)(b) commenced with an operational update. Work at G20 has been prominent through lockdown as it was the only site functioning in a meaningful way to let the team engage with the target audience. That will scale down now as other avenues emerge but the connection with G20 will be maintained. They are referring a second worker to St Giles Trust to follow a similar route to that taken by S38(1)(b) and G20 are also advertising for a manager.

Springburn Youth Forum is one group that we are starting to connect with and it will be a key agency moving forward with its services being provided to young people under the age of 25.

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From a strategic perspective Will reported that two community navigators, S38(1)(b) had been recruited and will hopefully start on the 10<sup>th</sup> May. There induction and training programme is being devised and will include Nolozone training, mental health first aid and referral pathways. The evaluation of this project will commence from the start.

SCVO have offered BHI 5 places but they cannot fulfil these on the Street and Arrow Project and dialogue has started about utilising a couple of these places as trainee mentors.

The partnership with Glasgow North Social Work is also being progressed and a meeting will take place in this regard later in the week. Work is also being progressed in respect of the C2 asset based initiative.

### 5.6 Help the Helpers/You Decide

S38(1)(b) reported that she had completed 5 sessions with VRU staff and partner agencies and this will now move to a train the trainers platform in order that we can now deliver the programme within our national hubs. Aberlour, one of the initial partners in North Glasgow, are now training their eider Abelour team.

In terms of You Decide a pilot is to commence within G20 involving young girls who have been getting involved with violence. S38(1)(b) highlighted that he had a similar cohort in Midlothian and that a further initiative might be considered there when restrictions allow.

### 5.7 Community Navigator

S38(1)(b) advised that the navigators were accessing the prison for the first time since the pandemic commenced that morning. Access will be to the link centre and not the corridors and wings but she will advise on progress at later meetings. S38(1)(b) also undertook to make contact with the navigators and report back.

### 5.8 Prison Projects

S38(1)(b) provided a brief report regarding Dumfries Prison where the help the helpers initiative will also move into the train the trainers phase. As such she will replace Alastair on the delivery of the initiative and will work with S38(1)(b) the consultant we are using in this piece of work.

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## 5.9 *Online Engagement*

S38(1)(b) advised that the marketing company had been engaged and were commencing focus groups for this social media based campaign which will target the North of Glasgow and Dundee. S39(1) is building pages for the website which will link service users to half a dozen key support organisations. It is planned to go live in early June.

## 6 **Future Projects.**

### 6.1 *Caithness/Sutherland*

Niven provided an update to the extent that dialogue had recommenced and a meeting will take place in early May arranged by the PSOS Divisional Commander for the area. S38(1)(b) added that the original point of contact in that area, S38(1)(b), has returned from S38(1)(b) and had also been in touch.

### 6.2 *Legal Aid Project*

Niven confirmed that he had written to SLAB as actioned at the last meeting and the response confirmed an intention to resurrect this work post pandemic.

### 6.3 *Youth Volunteers*

S38(1)(b) provided an overview of the proposal to create a wider scheme based on PSYV and mirrored in New Zealand. Niven advised that he had written to ACC John Hawkins in this regard and a response was awaited.

### 6.4 *Hope Collective*

Niven outlined the aims of this UK wide initiative and the potential for the VRU to be involved as time progresses.

### 6.5 *Domestic Abuse*

S38(1)(b) informed the meeting of the early stages of the work she has been doing with S38(1)(b) and a number of external organisations looking at young people engaged in violence who also show harmful sexual behaviour. The aim is to develop a product aimed at that target audience but engaging with them through youth clubs and not schools. Some focus groups are currently being created to speak to young people about this issue as the project finds its feet.

## 7 **Media/Website**

S38(1)(b) reported that the website and social media accounts for Street and Arrow had been transferred to BHI. OCS are developing their own website and there will be links to the VRU.

**8 Training**

S38(1)(b) written report was noted.

**9 Evaluation/Research**

Kirsten had submitted a written report and highlighted a number of issues contained therein including the Youth Violence Report, the Violence Reduction Toolkit and a number of ongoing evaluations.

**10 Strategy Development**

S38(1)(b) intimated that after a long procurement exercise the award had been made to a company to design and publish the five year strategy. A proof copy should be available earlier than expected. The final consultation exercise with external partners will progress next week.

Will drew attention to new forms for written submissions to the project update meeting and Niven explained how these will form the basis for strategic governance against the five year plan.

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**12 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place at 1000hrs on Tuesday 11 May 2021.