

Reducing Reoffending Board Note of Meeting

18th May 2020 | Video Conference | 10:00–11:30

Attendees:

MOPAC
YJB
Met Police
London Councils
HMPPS
LCRC
PHE
DWP
Concerto
NHS
LB Islington
HMCTS

Apologies:

HMP/YOI Isis

1. Welcome and Introductions

MOPAC welcomed the attendees to the RRB and gave apologies as above.

Actions from previous meeting and progress made on discussions was covered.

2. Performance Data and Updates

MOPAC explained that the plan for this meeting had been to consider the Board's priority areas through the lens of developing the next Police and Crime Plan. However, the Mayoral election has been postponed and Covid-19 has had a significant impact on work. Therefore, this meeting focuses on recovery planning.

MOPAC provided an overview of research that shows how crime has been impacted by Covid-19. The board also discussed virtual hearings and NPS provided a brief overview of the early releases scheme. Each individual has to go through thorough assessment to ensure they're safe enough to be released and have the correct accommodation on release. More money is being put into temporary accommodation for early and standard releases.

3. Substance Misuse

There has been a reported uplift in self referring to treatment and this is what we want to maintain. Recovery plans needs to closely monitor this to keep drug misuse down. There are also concerns about drug markets and associated violence as we move out of lockdown. MPS view the drug markets as fairly stable and there has not been much change in purity and demand.

County lines activity seems to be increasing, teams are working to tackle those using county lines to benefit them and more funding has been put in to tackle this.

PHE outlined that 4,000 homeless people are now homed since the start of the pandemic. They are now looking at a pan London homeless support team as they have found the demand side of drug treatment the greatest support is needed.

4. Developments in Probation

Updated on the NPS response to Covid-19. The recovery is in three phases, and the NPS are currently on the first phase 'Restore'. They are ensuring the needs of service users are being met, delivering core NPS processes and learning from staff and service users to develop the model of working. There are underpinning principles relating to footfall, opening buildings, cleaning and testing to ensure work is done safely. Many locations are shared with the CRC so they are working closely together.

HMPPS updated on changes to probation during Covid-19.

5. AOB

Nothing to note.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 25th August 2020 | 10.00 – 12.00 | Microsoft Teams