



Glasgow Community Justice Authority Women Offenders Strategic Group

Agenda

**Thursday 28th November 2010
10:00am**

- 1) Welcome and round table introductions
- 2) Context
- 3) Group remit, membership and chair proposal
- 4) Action Planning
- 5) Monitoring and Evaluation
- 6) AOCB
- 7) Schedule of Future Meetings

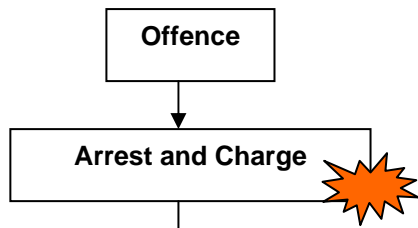
27 January 2011
21 April 2011
28 July 2011
27 October 2011

Contact: Jennifer Mohan
Glasgow Community Justice Authority
Westergate
11 Hope Street
Glasgow
G2 6AB
Jennifer.Mohan@glasgow.gov.uk

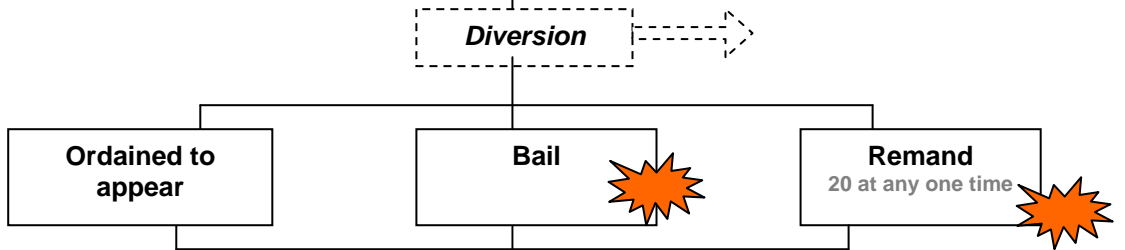
Action: Develop and implement an action plan to improve services for women offenders in Glasgow based on evidence about what works (including the 218 Evaluation and toolkit).	
CJA Strategic Aim: IMPROVE SHARED MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT	
GCJA Local Objectives	
To make sure services for offenders are based on ways of working which we know are effective. These should focus on the offender and their needs.	
Scottish Government Reducing Reoffending workstream(s)	
ALL	
Timescale	
Develop an action plan through the Women Offenders Strategic Group.	June 2011
Implement the action plan	End year 1
Review the action plan	Annually
Indicators	
Women in custody	Decrease in rate of custody for Glasgow women from year 2
Reconviction rates	Decrease for 2011-14 cohorts
Appropriate referrals to specialist projects	Increase from year 2
Engagement with specialist projects	Increase from year 2
How...	
<p>Through the citywide Women Offenders Strategic Group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider how existing services work to reduce offending/ re-offending among women in the city. • Develop and promote a shared understanding of the particular issues related to women's offending and to ensure strategies and services to address these. • Promote and support improvement and development as necessary. • Share and use information to monitor and evaluate services and to better target and develop services to meet the needs of women offenders <p>From the additional 2010/11 funding for women offenders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reduce the numbers of women on remand by better use of supervised bail and other supports prior to trial. • Ensure sentencers have an awareness of and confidence in the range of community options available for women • guarantee all women returning from prison a service relevant to their needs, including remand prisoners and those released on Home Detention Curfew • provide community based mentoring or befriending support 	

Women Offenders in Glasgow - Pathway

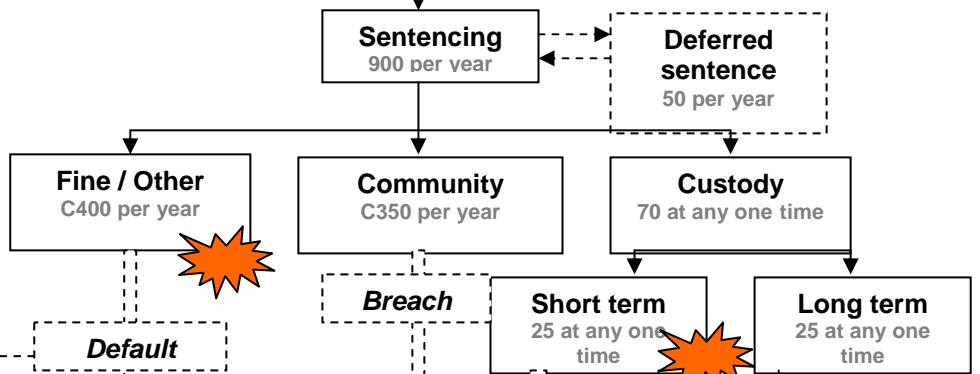
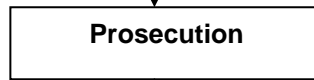
218
Addictions
Arrest Referral
Diversion with CJSW
input
Persistent Offenders
Project (POP)
Routes out of
Prostitution (RooPr)



218
Addictions
CJSW Bail
Supervision
POP
RooPr
Womens' Service



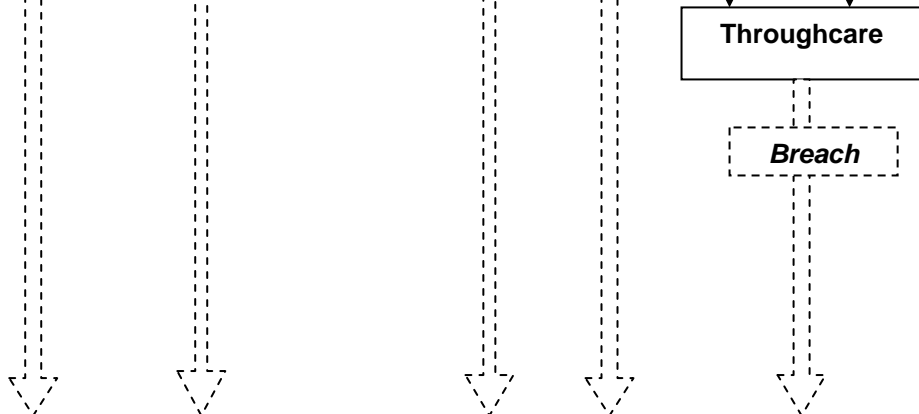
218
Addictions
POP
CJSW
RooPr
Throughcare
Addictions Service
(TAS)
Womens' Service



Breach *SAO* *Default*



218
Addictions
CJSW
POP
Routes out of Prison
(RooP)
RooPr
TAS
Womens' Service



Women Offenders Strategic Group

Thursday 28 October 2010 – Westergate 11 Hope Street Glasgow G2 6AB

Present:

Shona Barrie, Glasgow Procurator Fiscal Service
Mary Beglan, 218 Service
Louise Belton, Glasgow Community Safety Services
Aileen Currie, Glasgow Sheriff Court
Alice Docherty, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Maggie Jack, Glasgow Criminal Justice SWS
Gillian Little, Glasgow Community Justice Authority
Beth MacMaster, Glasgow Community Justice Authority
Janet McCullough, Glasgow Criminal Justice SWS
Liz McSherry, Glasgow Criminal Justice SWS
Stuart Monteith, Scottish Prison Service
Marlene Hughes, Scottish Prison Service

Item	Description	Main Points of Discussion	Action Points
1	Welcome and round table introductions	Gillian Little welcomed everyone to the first meeting of Glasgow Community Justice Authority's Women Offenders Meeting.	Noted
2	Group Context	<p>GL provided a brief input on the context for the issues and origins of the group. These include the renewed focus on women offenders in recent years. This has included the publication of the Equal Opportunities Committee report on women offenders and recent HMIP inspection report of Cornton Vale. Each re emphasised the significant needs of women in the criminal justice system. There is also concern over the escalation in the female prison population since the late 1990s (increases of around 87% to a current population c400). Previous concerns about women in custody led to the publication of 'A Safer Way' with aims that remain relevant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • move to earlier intervention • Increased use of community disposals • Improvement of work within prisons and in throughcare. <p>The Scottish Government have identified women as a priority group within Justice and have provided some additional funding to CJA areas to enhance services. In Glasgow this has been spent on 2 posts. A women's service co-ordinator (M Jack) and a 218 post to provide a community link service and liberation day lift service. This funding is short term and will need to be monitored and outcomes evaluated to provide evidence for the continued provision of this targeted funding.</p>	

		GL agreed to set up a women offenders page on the CJA website which would hold links to all of the documents discussed.	Glasgow CJA
3	Group Remit, membership and chair proposal	<p>The group agreed that the proposed remit was a good starting point but that it would need to remain flexible and is likely to change as the group develops an action plan.</p> <p>Janet Knox advised that the Scottish Government was currently looking at the strategy and funding relating to women offenders and that she will update the group accordingly.</p> <p>The group briefly discussed the implications of the introduction of the Community Pay_Back Order and agreed that this should be taken forward at future meetings.</p> <p>The group agreed that Marlene should keep HMP Greenock informed and would consider if anyone from Greenock should also attend as they work with female prisoners who originate from the Glasgow area.</p> <p>It was agreed that although The Wise Group and Cornerstone had expressed an interested in joining in the group that it was not appropriate at this time to do so. This would be revisited as the group's action plan developed. G Little will write to both thanking them for their interest and advising that that group minutes and any relevant papers would be added to Glasgow CJA's website .</p> <p>G Little said that she had approached Nancy Loucks Director of Families Outside to chair the meeting in future. This would provide an independent voice and Nancy has a wealth of experience in working in the field that would be valuable to the group. This was agreed. G Little will contact Nancy Loucks to formally ask if she will take up the Chair.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>J Knox</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>G Little</p> <p>G Little</p>
5	Action Planning	<p>The group discussed the draft action plan submitted to the Scottish Government and the pathway diagram (attached with this minute) prepared to identify potential gaps in provision. The group agreed it would be important to gather information from each partner on where women are on the pathway with a view to understanding better where services and interventions fit and where potential gaps lie.</p> <p>The group agreed that a questionnaire would be circulated to gather information from partners which would be collated and incorporated into the pathway for the next meeting.</p> <p>Other potential sources of information are as below. Group members agreed to source information on these.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lothian and Borders CJA report on women offenders • Scottish Government Reducing Reoffending programme mapping activities in prisons 	<p>B Macmaste r</p> <p>G Little</p> <p>M Hughes</p>

6	AOCB	The group agreed to ask Lothian and Borders CJA to view their DVD on the Willow project at its next meeting Glasgow CJA to arrange viewing of the DVD.	Glasgow CJA
7	Dates of Future Meetings	The dates of future meetings were agreed as Thursday 27 January 2011 Thursday 21 April 2011 Thursday 28 July 2011 Thursday 27 October 2011 All meetings will take place at 10am. Meeting venue to be confirmed	Noted