

Report to: **Social Work Resources Committee**  
 Date of Meeting: **7 February 2007**  
 Report by: **Executive Director (Social Work Resources)**

Subject: **Update on Progress on Actions Arising from SWIA  
 Inspection of Criminal Justice Service**

## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ Advise Social Work Resources Committee on the progress in relation to the actions required following the SWIA Inspection of Criminal Justice Services.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the progress made be noted.

## 3. Background

3.1. SWIA carried out an inspection of Criminal Justice Social Work Services in Lanarkshire between August and November 2005. The report was published early in 2006. That report identified various improvement actions that require to be taken. That work has been progressed jointly with North Lanarkshire Council. SWIA are satisfied with the proposed Action Plan outlined and are seeking an update in July 2007.

## 4. Current Position

4.1. A summary of the issues that have been taken forward are as follows:

- Advice on risk assessment has been reissued
- A new monitoring tool for Social Enquiry Reports has been developed
- Outstanding training needs including developing a programme of victim awareness training and commissioning work on assessment and case management have been addressed. The trainer has undertaken a scoping exercise within local offices. Two training programmes have been delivered during 2006, with a further two to be delivered in 2007.
- The most effective way of addressing peer mentoring support is being considered
- Case recording training has taken place within South Lanarkshire and staff have been briefed on expectations. The development of the electronic recording system will allow further progress.
- There have been two sessions, one with the Management Group and another with staff, involving respectively representatives from the Parole Board and a Sheriff. The purpose of that was to address with staff issues in relation to compliance and enforcement. Guidance will be issued to clarify expectation

- In relation to developing programmed work a bid has been submitted to the Scottish Executive to develop the Constructs programme and the Sex Offender's programme. It is expected that the Change programme will be accredited in February 2007.
- A draft protocol with Strathclyde Police in relation to managing sex offenders, has been agreed. To some extent this will be overtaken by the development of the Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) currently under discussion. Regular monthly meetings with the Police and Housing take place at which issues regarding the management of sex offenders are recorded
- The Throughcare protocol is now in place.

## **5. Actions Still in Development**

- 5.1. Work is underway jointly to look at resolving some of the issues identified by inspection report in relation to community service. This area of work continues to be problematic partly because of the volume of referrals and staffing to meet the demand for services.
- 5.2. Currently there is limited involvement of service users in commenting on services and the Resource is exploring other ways of ensuring effective involvement.

## **6. General Implications for the Council**

- 6.1. SWIA will have a view in whether the actions taken are sufficient. An annual update and the Action Plan as described will be submitted as evidence of progress

## **7. Employee Implications**

- 7.1. All staff are involved in considering the issues arising from the Action Plan.

## **8. Financial Implications**

- 8.1. None

## **9. Other Implications**

- 9.1. None

## **10. Consultation**

- 10.1. The work is undertaken jointly with North Lanarkshire Council.

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8 December 2006

## **Link(s) to Council Objectives**

- Healthy and Safe Communities

## **Previous References**

- Committee Report May 2006

## **List of Background Papers**

SWIA: Report of Inspection of Criminal Justice Social Work Services in Lanarkshire  
 February 2006

**Contact for Further Information**

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