



Report

Report to:	Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority
Date of Meeting:	4 December 2009
Report by:	Chief Officer

Subject:	Officer Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Update Members on national and local developments relevant to the Authority

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) That the report be noted

3. Youth Court Review

3.1. At the last Board meeting of 4 September 2009 the Authority decided that the Chief Officer be authorised to send a letter to Scottish Government emphasising the need to conclude The Youth Court Pilot Review as quickly as possible.

3.2. Following correspondence the Government responded on the 29 September 2009 to inform us that the review was completed and advice had been prepared for Ministers.

3.3. At the Association of Directors of Social Work (ADSW) on 29 October 2009 the Vice Convenor of the Authority took the opportunity to publicly ask the Justice Minister about the future of the Youth Court Pilot and was informed that a decision had not yet been made.

4. Home Detention Curfews

4.1. Following an exercise by the Government to establish the actual number of Home Detention Curfew Community Assessment Reports provided by each CJA it was ascertained that Lanarkshire carry out more than had previously been assumed. This has resulted in the level of grant for this service being increased from £35k to £41k.

5. Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferencing (MARAC)

5.1. The Manager, Justice Services of North Lanarkshire Council has supplied the Authority with an update regarding MARAC and the future strategy of our partners in North Lanarkshire in relation to the issue of domestic abuse. A letter dated 25 November 2009 is attached for Members information.

6. Court Visits

- 6.1. Members have previously expressed an interest in visiting local Courts. Following discussion at the Lanarkshire Criminal Justice Board visits can now be arranged. It is proposed that arrangements be made for Councillors to visit Airdrie Sheriff Court, Hamilton Sheriff Court and Lanark Sheriff Court early in the New Year.

7. Quarterly Performance Report

- 7.1. Members are asked to note our quarterly performance against the 2009/2010 Action Plan which is detailed in an appendix to the report.

8. Conference Reports

- 8.1. Please see attached reports for information on conferences attended by the staff of the Authority

9. Employee Implications

- 9.1. None known

10. Financial Implications

- 10.1. None known

11. Other Implications

- 11.1. None known

12. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 12.1. No significant consultation was undertaken as part of this report.
- 12.2. The report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend an amendment to an existing policy, function or strategy therefore no equality impact assessment was carried out

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List of Background Papers

Youth Court Pilot Correspondence
Home Detention Curfew Letter
MARAC Letter
Court Visit Email
Quarterly Performance Update – Quarter 2
Conference Reports

Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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