



Report

Report to:	Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority
Date of Meeting:	3 September 2010
Report by:	Chief Officer

Subject:	Chief Officers 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 Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

(1) that the report be noted.

3. High Risk Offenders

- 3.1. The multi agency inspection report published in June 2009 'Assessing and managing offenders who present a high risk of serious harm' recommended that:
'The Scottish Ministers undertake a national review of joint and integrated working practices in place between police, social work services and other relevant agencies, including co-located units, in order to identify and disseminate good practice.'
- 3.2.1 North and South Lanarkshire Councils have been fully involved in contributing to this national review and the CJA Training and Development officer has played a leading role in facilitating this work which is described in the attached project outline.

4. Women Offenders

- 4.1. The three initiatives funded by the 100K allocated to the authority on 4 February 2010 are now operational and supporting women offender from Lanarkshire, particularly those on release from prison.

At the previous meeting of the authority on 4 June members were informed that the funding for the Circle 'Meet at the gate project' totalled 35K. This amount was incorrect and the figure should have read 37K.

5. SERCO

- 5.1. SERCO has supplied the authority with annual statistics regarding a number of electronic monitoring services that they provide on behalf of the Scottish Government.

The statistics include information on 'Restriction of Liberty Orders' (RLO) imposed in Scotland during the period April 2009 – March 2010. It is noted that in the attached graph Hamilton Sherriff court has imposed more RLO's than any other court in

Scotland and that a total of 223 orders were imposed by the three local Sherriff courts located within the authority area.

6. SASO 41st Conference

6.1. The 'Scottish Association for the study of Offending' (SASO) annual conference which has previously been well attended by the authority in previous years will take place this year on 19 /20 November.

6.2 As will be seen from the attached programme the format this year has changed to one overnight stay and the location has changed from Peebles to Dunblane.

7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

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List of Background Papers

HRO Project outline

SERCO Graph

SASO programme

SASO Conference application

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