



Report

Report to:	Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority
Date of Meeting:	4 June 2010
Report by:	Chief Officer

Subject:	Women Offenders
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Inform Members about the distribution of CJA ring fenced funding for women offenders

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) That the report be noted

3. Background

3.1. On 4 February 2010 the Scottish Government wrote to the Authority informing us that Lanarkshire would be allocated £100k in 2010/2011 to support women offenders, particularly those on release from prison.

3.2. Given the tight timescales and therefore limited opportunity for consultation it was recognised that there would be an advantage in allocating the additional £100k in a manner that complimented services already in place.

3.3. Following discussion with Partners it is proposed that the £100k will be allocated as follows:

- SACRO - £33k. This funding will be spent to provide a mentoring support service for women offenders with emphasis on targeting those women held in Bellshill Police station.
- CIRCLE - £35k. This funding will be spent on the "Meet at the Gate project" and will focus on women offenders, either on remand or coming to the end of their sentence who needs support often in relation to childcare or addiction issues on their return to the community.
- Lanarkshire Throughcare Team - £31k. This funding will be spent on supplying an intensive support project for women with intense needs making the transition from prison to the community.

3.4. A steering group has been developed in order to oversee the work of the projects and consider future funding options

4. Employee Implications

- 4.1. This funding should allow our Partners to employ the equivalent of three full time employees

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. None known

6. Other Implications

- 6.1. None known

7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 7.1. The funding should help to address specific issues facing female offenders.
- 7.2. 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

**Tony McNulty, Chief Officer
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List of Background Papers

Letter dated 4 February 2010 – Wilma Dickson
Project application forms (X 3)

Contact for Further Information

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