

THINK LOCAL
PROBATION TRUSTS
IN PARTNERSHIP

A Local Partnership Development Strategy
for probation trusts

Overall Purpose

- To reduce crime rates in local communities by working within local partnerships,
- To improve the quality of effective and credible community sentencing options for courts,
- To improve the quality of Public Protection services (from sexual and violent offenders – including Safeguarding Children responsibilities) ,
- To improve the quality of services to victims of crime,
- Promoting value for money services to local communities.

Aims

1. To promote a shared strategic approach to community safety and crime reduction at a national level.
2. To promote the development of a suite of outcome performance measures that encompass both national core “crime reduction” indicators and locally negotiated partnership priorities.
3. To clarify the new legislative requirements and statutory obligations for trusts as Responsible Authorities.
4. To clarify the role and function of partner Responsible Authorities.
5. To provide guidance and best practice examples of effective local partnership working.
6. To promote a “Made in Wales” approach to the “localism” agenda in Wales.

Objectives

Aim 1.	Objective
<p>To promote a shared strategic approach to community safety and crime reduction at national level</p>	<p>To work with national stakeholder organisations, especially the Local Government Association, to enable trusts to identify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Principles and practice of Good Governance in respect of Local Area Agreements (LAA) and Community Safety Partnership (CSP)/Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) membership ● Necessary levels of representation within relevant local forums to successfully engage with local authorities and other Responsible Authorities ● Potential for board members to represent trusts on local authority scrutiny panels ● Opportunities for collaboration with strategic partners in Wales

Aim 2.	Objective
<p>To promote the development of a suite of outcome performance measures that encompass both national core “crime reduction” indicators and targets and locally negotiated partnership priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Engage relevant national stakeholders with “crime reduction” responsibilities ● Introduction to National Indicator Set and “reoffending” indicators ● Clarify Ministry of Justice/National Offender Management Service performance drivers underpinning the next generation probation measures. ● Produce model options for matrix of national and local outcome performance criteria ● Contribute to NOMS development of next IPPF ● Promote a dialogue between trusts and Directors of Offender Management to ensure contracts reflect both national and local measures and targets

Aim 3.	Objective
<p>To clarify the new legislative requirements and statutory obligations for trusts as new Responsible Authorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To ensure trusts are aware of their statutory responsibilities stemming from the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2006 (Local Area Agreements) and Policing and Crime Act 2009 (becoming a "Responsible Authority" within Crime and Disorder Partnerships) ● To assist trusts to successfully implement requirements within pending Crime and Disorder Statutory Instruments by identifying examples of best practice (e.g. the development of Strategic Assessments) ● To facilitate the implementation of CDRP/CSP Guidance issued March 2010

Aim 4.	Objective
<p>To clarify the role and function of partner Responsible Authorities</p>	<p>To provide trusts with information on the local context in which their partners work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Five themes of LSP/LAAs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Safer & Stronger Communities ▶ Children & Young People ▶ Health and well-being ▶ Housing - infrastructure and environment ▶ Economic development ● National Standards for CDRP/CSPs ● Local authority scrutiny function - guidance on development of protocols ● The six Hallmarks of Effective Partnerships (Home Office) <i>weblink to Delivering Safer and Confident Communities - Hallmarks of Effective Partnerships in pdf (430 kb)</i> ● Comprehensive Area Assessments (Audit Commission and HMIP) ● Welsh local partnership frameworks ● Role and function of other "Responsible Authorities" and partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Local Authorities (especially housing, children's services, adult services, environmental services) ▶ Police Services (single confidence target and safer neighbourhoods emphasis) ▶ Primary Care Trusts and Welsh Health Trusts (particularly alcohol, drugs, life expectancy - how probation can help their targets) ▶ Voluntary Community and Faith Sector ● How CDRP/CSPs are governed ● Cabinet working and the role of local elected members

Aim 5.	Objective
<p>To provide guidance and best practice examples of effective partnership working</p>	<p>To provide information on What Works best in strategic local partnerships, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community engagement – best practice in terms of consultation and communication ● CDRP/CSP Reducing Reoffending Strategy for adult and young offenders ● Total Place – feedback from the 13 pilot areas and implications for trusts ● Best practice in contributing to Information Sharing, Strategic Assessments and Partnership Plans ● Local Delivery Units – provision of Best Practice exemplars ● Commissioning local services within the Seven Pathways to Reducing Reoffending ● What success might look like

Aim 6.	Objective
<p>To provide a “Made in Wales” approach to the “localism” agenda in Wales</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assist the Wales Probation Trust in identifying all-Wales strategic partners ● Clarify Welsh “partnership” performance indicators and measures ● Clarify specific features of the Welsh “localism” agenda, e.g. scrutiny arrangements

Implementation

The Probation Association has convened a steering group of representatives from MoJ/NOMS, Home Office, LGA and the Probation Chiefs Association to oversee the implementation of the prioritised contents of this strategy.

Further Information

This strategy, along with a series of related Think Local documents and guides, can be found on the Think Local page of the Association website: www.probationassociation.co.uk/member-services/think-local.aspx

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