
Report To:	Community Health & Care Partnership Sub-Committee	Date:	8th January 2015
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Subject:	HMP Inverclyde		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform the Sub-Committee of the planning that has been taking place to support the establishment of the new women's prison, HMP Inverclyde.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 A new prison for women is being built by the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) to replace HMP Cornton Vale. The site for the new prison is at Inverkip Road on the outskirts of Greenock and it is planned to open in August 2017.
- 2.2 Inverclyde CHCP has been supporting the establishment of the new prison in two key areas. Firstly, in supporting the development of a local engagement strategy, which has begun with ensuring good linkage between the Corporate Communications teams of both the Council and SPS and is now progressing to planning the first community engagement events.
- 2.3 Secondly in partnership with North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority (NSCJA) a project has been initiated to develop a Throughcare service for women being held in the prison to prepare them for release and support them on return to the community. The project has adopted a collaborative approach involving a broad range of public and third sector organisations including Inverclyde CHCP, SPS, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, NHS Scotland, SACRO and Turning Point Scotland.
- 2.4 The project presents a significant opportunity to ensure the model adopted reflects current thinking on best practice in the area. Moreover, Inverclyde CHCP will have a statutory duty to provide the Criminal Justice Social Work service for the new prison and thus there is the unique opportunity to ensure both elements of provision complement each other. This would not only ensure greater equality of access to services for the women but also in the skills mix available to support them.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to note the content of this report.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 In October 2012, the then Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Kenny MacAskill informed the Scottish Parliament that a new women only prison would be built in Inverclyde and two new specialist units for women would be set up inside HMP Edinburgh and HMP Grampian.
- 4.2 The Cabinet Secretary's announcement followed consideration of a report by The Scottish Commission on Women Offenders which recommended that HMP Cornton Vale be demolished and replaced with a smaller prison.
- 4.3 HMP Inverclyde has a design capacity for 250 women and will act as both a national facility for women with complex needs and a regional facility for the West of Scotland.
- 4.4 A Governance Group has been established to support the development of the Throughcare service for women being held at HMP Inverclyde. It is chaired by Sharon McAlees, Inverclyde CHCP, and will provide oversight of the project. In addition, an Operation Group has been created to design the new service. Key tasks for the latter group will be to (a) identify and communicate with key stakeholders, (b) develop a logic model for the service, (c) design the Throughcare service model and (d) prepare bids for funding as required.
- 4.5 It is intended both groups will meet three or four times per year with a number of sub groups set up to take the work forward. The immediate task is to create a communication strategy to include the requirements of both national and regional stakeholders. In early 2015, a logic modelling event will take place, which will be facilitated by the Scottish Government, Justice Analytical Services and will create the logic model for the service.
- 4.6 The workplan at 4.7 identifies the immediate key milestones for creating the design of the new service which will eventually replace the current Shine service. Shine provide mentoring support to women who are either in prison or on a community order.

4.7

Activity / Purpose	Date / Venue	Outcome
Communications Workshop to identify key partners and develop strategic communications	04/09/2014	Communication Strategy
Best practice workshop to achieve common understanding of what works best to support women who offend	January 2015 Polmont	Improved understanding of what works
Meeting with Women Offenders Commission to discuss initial thoughts on the service and managing expectations	Spring 2015 Edinburgh	Final preparations for Logic Model Workshop
Logic Model Workshop to clarify the processes of support and change that the service will provide	March 2015 Inverclyde	Logic Model for the service created
Service Design Workshop	April / May 2015	Options created and scored against Logic Model

5.0 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 Implementation of the above workplan

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

6.1 There are no financial implications in respect of this report.

Financial Implications: N/A

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (if Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

Legal

6.2 N/A

Human Resources

6.3 N/A

Equalities

6.4 None at this time, although recognition will be given to the wider and associate equalities agenda.

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

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YES (see attached appendix)

NO - This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Repopulation

6.5 Narrative to be provided here depending on the content of the report.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 Community consultation planned for December 2014

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Report of the Scottish Commission on Women Offenders (June 2012).