

Safer Bromley Partnership

Reducing Reoffending

Strategic Group Report

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Operational Update:

A successful jobs fair for ex-offenders was held at CRC's offices in Huntington House, Mason's Hill. Representatives from BlueSky Organisation, Job Centre Plus, the CRC Employment and Training Manager were present. Representatives from GoTrain were also in attendance with current and viable jobs on offer for ex-offenders.

There has been some changeover with Senior Probation Officer, Claire Roberts leaving Bromley after 20+ years and a key colleague from Orwell House (a hostel organising placements for the IOM cohort) relocating jobs. Confirmation awaits from the CRC of who will be replacing Claire Roberts.

Currently our IOM Coordinator Helen Andrews is chairing the IOM Panel; this is an interim arrangement until key colleagues are replaced.

Strategic Group Update:

A new CRC Partnerships and Stakeholder Manager, AJ Brooks, is in post engaging with boroughs across the south east. AJ will be our borough's representative at this meeting.

Helen and Amanda attended the CRC 'Working Together' event earlier this month, the CRC used this opportunity to update London Boroughs with the CRC commitment to engagement and their intention to increase formal contact with us and work together in a meaningful and effective way. The CRC committed to having a representative attending two Community Safety Partnership Strategic Groups per year and a Safeguarding Adults Board once a year. It was requested that the Safeguarding Adults Board meeting they attend should have a reducing reoffending theme. The CRC are keen to ensure they get something out of attending these meetings and they are constructive.

MI/statistics continue to prove difficult to obtain. The CRC have committed to a standardised data product for CSPs across London and this data set will be finalised in consultation with representatives from the London Heads of Community Safety meeting.

Action for Safer Bromley Partnership

The CRC have requested suggestions and opportunities for Payback options that will enable offenders to complete their Community Orders within the borough. Historically there has been a request that these opportunities fulfil an ETE requirement, this is no longer the case and Payback suggestions can now be much broader.