

Safer Bromley Partnership

Strategic Group Report

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Operational Update:

Over the past 12 months LBB has received funding from MOPAC (£7,000) to provide administrative support to integrated offender management in Bromley. The annual return to the Mayor's office reported the following:

- Administrative support to the IOM strategic board has developed, originally attending IOM Panel meetings as a monitor to ensure participating agencies fulfil their obligations and this has evolved into chairing the meetings. In both instances the objective was to ensure that actions from the meetings were successfully achieved and any 'blockages' in communication between agencies were smoothed out.
- Introducing attendance at the IOM Panel meetings of the Mental Health agency, Housing Association and Bail Hostel greatly improved the sharing of information between agencies, resulting in more cohesive and 'joined-up' working.
- Certain agencies were frustrated by lack of action/response from other partners and this has been addressed and rectified.
- Breaches of Supervision Orders or lack of compliance with licence conditions has been noted by IOM representative to follow-up at future Panel meetings and monitor.
- Working in conjunction with Employment & Skills Manager at CRC, helping to organise a mini-Jobs Fair and increased contact with BlueSky Organisation has resulted in increased referrals into support for education / training & employment.
- Presentations have been received from Blue Sky, Go Train and Employment & Skills Team

Strategic Group Update:

At the last SBP meeting it was reported that the previous Chair of the IOM Board, a Senior Probation Officer, was due to leave the authority and would be replaced. However, the IOM Co-ordinator Helen Andrews continues to chair the meeting as of March 2018. There has also been a downscaling of Bromley Police personnel, from three officers to one part-time officer.

Two probation officers from the CRC have also left through maternity leave and have not been replaced as yet. Other partners have committed to attend the IOM board meetings. Those that have been attending on a regular basis include Blue Sky, Go Train, Affinity Sutton, Hestia and Oxleas.

Action for Safer Bromley Partnership:

There needs to be further conversations with the CRC and Bromley Police to identify if they are likely to increase staff capacity back to full strength.