

RESPONSIBLE OUTCOME GROUP

ROLE, REMIT AND MEMBERSHIP

BACKGROUND

The overall role of the Outcome Group is to develop and deliver a local strategy for young people involved in antisocial behaviour, drug and alcohol use and offending, in line with Government policy and guidance. This will include looking at prevention and diversion, early and effective intervention and working with young people at high risk to themselves or others.

The work of the Outcome Group will be underpinned by the Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) principles and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Success will ultimately be measured through better outcomes for young people and will be monitored through the Youth Justice Strategy Action Plan, key performance indicators via the Aberdeen's Integrated Children's Services Board and Single Outcome Agreement.

The Outcome Group meets bimonthly and is made up of representatives of the partnership agencies at the strategic level. High level representation is important to allow members to make decisions at meetings and to ensure they are taken into the agency they represent for action.

The Outcome Group provides strategic direction for the local services ensuring that they are focusing on both national and local priorities. It is responsible for the strategic planning and development of services and can make financial recommendations.

It is also the responsibility of the Outcome Group to ensure that there are clear links into other local planning structures, in particular the Single Outcome Agreement and the Integrated Children's Services Plan which measure outcomes for young people.

KEY AIMS

To lead and co-ordinate the overall direction and strategic management of Aberdeen's services for young people involved in antisocial behaviour, alcohol and drug use and offending.

ROLE AND REMIT

In order to fulfil its role, the Outcome Group will carry out the following functions:

- Develop and co-ordinate the implementation of the local Youth Justice Strategy for reducing Antisocial Behaviour, offending (under 18s), drug and alcohol misuse by children and young people.
- Develop a Youth Justice Strategy Action Plan with identified high level objectives and named action owners to deliver on the identified objectives.
- Ensure the strategy is embedded in the Aberdeen Single Outcome Agreement and the Integrated Children's Services Plan.
- Contribute to the implementation of Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC).
- Ensure effective multi-agency working between the key partners and lead on joint commissioning of services.
- Co-ordinate the continued development of information sharing between partner organisations.
- Communicate, engage and consult with other appropriate forums and partnerships, service users and their families, victims of crime and their families, and the wider community.
- Engage with young people involved in alcohol and/or drug use to better understand the issues and assist in the co-ordination of resources.
- Assess whether the quality and range of services provided meets identified need, identify gaps and initiate improvements where there are gaps.
- Ensure that victims of crime play a central role in the process of Youth Justice.
- Undertake regular evaluation and reviews of the services and activities of all the agencies working in the field with a view to improving efficiency and effectiveness.
- Monitor progress of the Youth Justice Strategy and Action Plan, and report on performance indicators.

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership will consist of managers at the executive level, from Aberdeen City Council, Children's Hearing Scotland, NHS Grampian, Police Scotland, Procurator Fiscal, Scottish Court Services, SCRA and the Third Sector, to enable strategic and policy decisions to be taken at meetings.

CHAIR AND SUPPORT

The Responsible Outcome Group will be chaired by the Chief Inspector, Partnership Development, Police Scotland.

The Chair will be supported by the Sergeant, Partnership Development, Police Scotland, who will take on the Lead Officer responsibilities.

MEMBERS

- Aberdeen City Youth Council Representative
- ACVO Representative
- Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP), Team Leader
- Area Convener, Children's Hearing Scotland
- Assistant Director Children's Services, Barnardo's
- Authority Reporter, SCRA
- Community Safety Manager, Aberdeen City Council (ACC)
- Custody Division, Police Scotland
- Deputy General Manager, Aberdeen City, Community Health Partnership (CHP)
- Development Manager – Young People, Education Culture and Sport, ACC
- Executive Director, Aberdeen Foyer
- Head of Children's Services, Social Care and Wellbeing, ACC
- Head of Operations, Apex Scotland
- Housing Manager, ACC
- Partnership Chief Inspector, Police Scotland
- Partnership Sergeant, Police Scotland
- Procurator Fiscal
- Referral Unit, Police Scotland
- Scottish Court Services
- Service Delivery Officer, Victim Support
- Service Manager Criminal Justice, Social Care and Wellbeing, ACC
- Service Manager, Sacro

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- Service Manager Early Years, Vulnerable Families and Learners, Education, Culture and Sport, ACC
- Scottish Government Representative
- Youth Justice Management Unit, Police Scotland

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

On an individual basis, members of all groups should:

- Give consideration to how they can add value to group through active membership.
- Give consideration to the connection between their agency/service and the Youth Justice Strategy.
- Ensure regular attendance at meetings.
- Identify a regular representative to attend meetings in their place as necessary, to ensure continuity.
- Be proactive in their membership, identify and progress opportunities for partnership working and joint promotion of the network.
- Feedback information from the meetings to their agencies and colleagues.
- Respond to requests for assistance from the Lead Officer or other members of the Outcome Group.

REPORTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The Responsible Outcome Group will report to the Integrated Children's Services Board.

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