

Partner Statement

Organisation	National Probation Service West Midlands Area
Statutory responsibilities	<p>To manage adult offenders and deliver interventions to protect the public and reduce reoffending</p> <p>To provide sentencing advice to Courts and to implement rigorously and fairly those sentences for which we are responsible</p> <p>To contribute to communities through the delivery of unpaid work and providing information and support to victims of serious crime.</p>
Priorities	<p>Within an overall priority of managing offenders within the National Standards for the Management of Offenders, to protect the public and reduce reoffending, within the resource available, the key priorities that connect with local partnership working are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of Unpaid Work to benefit communities • Addressing the needs of drug misusing offenders • Addressing the needs of alcohol misusing offenders • Enabling offenders to gain skills and enter and sustain employment • Supporting offenders to gain and maintain suitable and settled accommodation
Constraints	Public spending policy constraints result in the need to manage demand, develop efficiencies in resource management and to maximise opportunities for joint commissioning and delivery of services to offenders in local communities
Key performance measures	<p>The Integrated Probation Performance Framework and the Service Level Agreement with the Regional Offender Manager together produce a total of 51 targets, objectives and measures for 2008-9. Many of these, though crucial to the organisation, relate to internal performance and delivery issues. Those that make a material contribution to public safety, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the timely return to Court or recall to prison of offenders who breach their order licence • the delivery of programmes designed to reduce general offending behaviour, domestic violence, sexual offending and offending related to the abuse of drugs or alcohol. <p>The following are particularly relevant to working in a local Partnership environment to address the social exclusion needs of offenders:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OM17: At least 70% of offenders in settled and suitable accommodation at the end of their order or licence • OM19: The number of referrals to the Learning and Skills Council • INT8: The number of offenders under supervision who find and sustain employment to be at least • INT9: The percentage of offenders in employment at termination of their order or licence to be at least 40%
Decision-making process	Area-wide decisions are made or endorsed by the Area Executive Team and Board through processes that include District Managers and Assistant Chief Officers who manage them: these constitute a framework within which the District Manager for Solihull will make decisions regarding local delivery and partnership working.

<p>Quality assurance process</p>	<p>A comprehensive quality assurance process operates through direct oversight of practitioners' work by line managers and tiered scrutiny, accountability and assurance processes beginning with the District and moving through the senior management levels to oversight by the Probation Board. All undertakings that link to the Solihull Partnership will be subject to those processes.</p> <p>For local purposes, the lead officer is the District Manager: Ms J Connelly, Centenary House, 252 Mackadown Lane, B33 0LQ</p>
<p>Risk Management process</p>	<p>Risk to the Public: the District Manager is a lead member of the local MAPPA arrangements. All offender management is based on the assessment and management of risk of harm.</p> <p>Business Risk: a comprehensive risk control process is in place, overseen by the Director of Finance and Resources.</p> <p>A dedicated Health and Safety Officer manages overall H&S issues, with the District Manager being accountable for the local implementation of H&S policies and procedures.</p> <p>For local purposes, the lead officer is the District Manager: Ms J Connelly, Centenary House, 252 Mackadown Lane, B33 0LQ</p>
<p>Communications process</p>	<p>Through membership of relevant strategy and delivery bodies within Solihull.</p> <p>Communication with staff will be through the District newsletter, District Development events and as part of direct management of service delivery.</p> <p>WMPA is developing Community Engagement and Offender Engagement Strategies, which will provide channels of communication for relevant matters.</p> <p>For local purposes, the lead officer is the District Manager: Ms J Connelly, Centenary House, 252 Mackadown Lane, B33 0LQ</p>
<p>Key agency plans linked to Solihull Partnership</p>	<p>The Area Business Plan 2008-9 and the District Plan 2008-9. These plans will be renewed in April 2009, but actions can be added or modified in the light of significant events.</p> <p>Whilst the Area Plan covers seven Local Authority Districts and will not therefore contain detailed elements relating to any one LA, it contains and overall commitment to developing effective local strategic partnership working and identifies a number of key factors that support offender management, e.g. accommodation, drug and alcohol treatment and Skills and Employment, that require local partnership support and thus link to each strategic partnership. The District Plan reflects Area priorities and forms the basis of interaction with the Solihull Partnership.</p>
<p>Nominated staff involved in Solihull Partnership</p>	<p>Solihull Partnership: Mr Ken James, Board Director, Victoria House, 1 Victoria Square, Birmingham.</p> <p>Other Groups: Ms J Connelly, District Manager, Centenary House, 252 Mackadown Lane, B33 0LQ</p> <p>Children and Young People's Trust - Trust Board & Safeguarding Board.</p>

	<p>Safer Communities Group</p> <p><i>Non Partnership Strategic Groups representation:</i></p> <p>Shared Priority Forum</p> <p>YOT Management Board</p> <p>CDRP</p> <p>Drugs Delivery Group</p> <p>Supporting People Commissioning Body</p> <p>DIP SLA meeting</p>
<p>Support required from Partnership Commissioning Team</p>	<p>Support from the Team will be needed to identify how to develop a focus on offenders in the delivery of a range of the Partnership's priorities so as to ensure inclusiveness in delivery, assist in meeting the targets concerned and contribute to the protection of the public through reduced reoffending as a result of meeting the social inclusion needs of this group.</p>

Date:

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Signed off by: