

Offender Services and Dual Diagnosis

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Mabgate Mills - the Leeds Offender Management Hub

Introduction

- Multiagency building comprising several agencies all working together to manage offenders in the community
- The agencies involved at present are; Crime Reduction Initiatives (CRI), Developing Initiatives Sustaining Communities (DISC), West Yorkshire Police Drugs and Offender Management Unit (DOMU), West Yorkshire Probation and Leeds Housing Concern (LHC),
- These agencies come together to deliver Integrated Offender Management (IOM), Drug Intervention Programme (DIP), Rapid Access Prescribing Service (RAPS), DIP Housing Services, Restrictions on Bail (ROB), Drug Rehabilitation Requirements (DRR)

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Integrated Offender Management

- Set up in 2008 as a Multi agency approach to managing offenders
- The priorities of the scheme are set up locally by West Yorkshire Police based on their priority crimes. In Leeds this is burglary due to one of the worst burglary rates of any city in the country
- Individuals are selected to be managed by the Leeds Hub (Mabgate Mills) and may be given IOM or PPO(Persistent and Prolific Offender) status
- A multi agency case conference takes place on a monthly basis to discuss individuals and select them or deselect them from the IOM cohort
- This is attended by CRI, DISC, Probation, WYP, Leeds ASBO team, Youth Offending Service and occasionally Social Services

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- The attendees will decide if the individual warrants or continues to warrant management under the scheme. They may be given IOM or PPO status or have it removed (Selected/ Deselected). Several individuals will be up for review every month put forward by the agencies for discussion.
- If selected or up for review, the attendees will decide under which strand the Offender is to be managed under the scheme.

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Catch and Control

- All agencies agree that the Offender will be managed by the Police. This will include disruption visits where Police Officers attend the Offenders home to ensure that he or she is at home.
- This may be several times during the day or night if the Police believe there is intelligence to suggest that the individual is criminally active.
- 'Stop and Search' if the offender is spotted in the street by the Police. This tends to occur if clients have not complied or engaged with agencies.

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Rehab and Resettle

- All agencies agree the Offender will be given time to 'Rehabilitate and Resettle'.
- Disruption visits may be reduced by the Police as it is likely that Police have limited or no intelligence to do with the client.
- It is likely that the client is engaged with services (CRI, DISC, Probation, Social Services or YOS) and has addressed some issues through a care plan etc that may have led the client to offend previously.

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- **Prevent and Deter**
- A strategy aimed at young people to prevent them becoming involved in crime. Involves both Police and YOS in a coordinated attempt to target young people that they deem to be at risk of getting involved in crime
- Mostly delivered by YOS but occasionally in partnership with CRI, DISC or Social Services.

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Operation Anchor

- Initially a police operation to tackle burglary rates but so successful extended to include all partner agencies
- Anchor's aim is to target people who are soon to be released from Prison and ensure that all necessary support is in place when prisoner is released
- Links in with services at Mabgate, DIP Housing, RAPS and others to ensure things in place for release
- IOM assessment takes place prior to release
- Criteria is anyone coming out of Prison with a Burglary conviction, over 18yrs of age, Statutory (probation) or non statutory (voluntary) clients, male or female.

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Drug Intervention Programme

Introduction

- Introduced in 2003 as part of New Labour's 10 year drug strategy and has continued to be supported by the Coalition government.
- The aim is to engage drug misusing offenders involved in the criminal justice system into drug treatment services, thereby reducing drug related harm and reducing reoffending.
- Since then DIP is no longer seen as a Government programme and can be adapted to meet local priorities. In Leeds this has meant less Police Cell coverage and more community work. In other cities the opposite is true as there is no need to follow a set agreement anymore.

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Test on Arrest

- Drugs Act 2005 introduced a mandatory drug test for detained persons arrested for a specific 'drugs trigger' offence. This included crimes that the offender would gain financially from; burglary , theft etc that may have been committed to fund a drugs habit or addiction.
- Individuals who test positive under the "Test on Arrest" scheme are required by the law to see a drug worker for an Initial assessment (IA) and then if set by a drugs worker a follow up assessment (FA) .Individuals who fail to attend either of these appointments could face up to three months in prison or a £2,500 fine.
- If they fail to attend the client will be breached and a warrant issued for their arrest.

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- The two breachable appointments give the worker the chance to assess the clients situation and motivation. Offer to address their treatment or support needs and bring them on to caseload.
- If client agree an Offender Coordinator will be allocated and a bespoke package of support offered, care plan etc.
- In much the same way as IOM a DIP case conference takes place on a monthly basis .Lead professionals attend and discuss individuals that are giving agencies cause for concern or have tested positive in cells 3 times in the last few months. An action plan is agreed and goals are set for the client.

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Rapid Access Prescribing Service (RAPS)

- Drug Treatment provider for Offender Services in Leeds
- Prescribing service for clients being released from prison that are residents of Leeds. Referral for this comes through the Prisons Counselling, Assessment, Referral Advice, Throughcare (CARAT) team prior to release.
- Prescribing service for DIP clients who as previously explained have tested positive in Police custody.

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Other Offender Services

- **Intensive Alternative to custody (ICO)** - Probation community order given to offenders who custody is an option at court. The offender will be managed in the community but must adhere to strict conditions. These can be unpaid work hours, 3 supervision appointments a week or some other agreed conditions. Probation link in with CRI/ DISC to allocate an outreach worker aiming to achieve some care plan goals
- **Alcohol Arrest Referral (AAR)** – Leeds Bridewell custody based service for Offenders who are arrested for an Alcohol trigger offence (where alcohol has been a factor in the arrest). Brief Intervention and Alcohol audit completed in custody with a follow up in 3 months to gauge their Alcohol use. Signposting to Alcohol Services given if necessary and Probation informed if Offenders score high (over 20) on the audit.

Other Offender Services

- DIP Housing – Housing specific advice services for all clients at Mabgate. Specific involvement with Operation Anchor to avoid Burglary offenders being released no fixed abode. Delivered by LHC.
- IAG – Information Advice and Guidance service for clients of Mabgate seeking work. Three sessions with employment specialist with aim of improving clients prospect of gaining work.
- Peer Mentoring and Service User Involvement – Full diploma course offering 15 sessions to clients currently in service that are ready and looking to progress in their lives. For clients not ready for this the Service User Progression Group is available to enable service users to shape the future direction of the service.
- Recovery Groups- Peer support groups available to all clients at Mabgate to discuss and aid their recovery

Other Offender Services

- Restrictions on Bail (ROB) Restriction given out as a condition of the Offenders bail. The client must engage with DIP on a weekly basis until they are sentenced. If they do not attend, they can be breached and a warrant circulated for their arrest. Another example of the use of coercion to try and secure engagement with the client. Once client has been sentenced the Offender may continue to engage on a voluntary basis. Delivered by CRI.
- Drug Rehabilitation Requirement (DRR) Court order given out as part of a client sentence. Client must address their drug use and comply with conditions. This may involve drug testing on a weekly basis and Probation supervision. Delivered by Probation and DISC.

Link to Dual Diagnosis

- All staff when assessing clients conduct a drug and alcohol triage as well as mental health screening tool.
- Both CRI and DISC have dual diagnosis leads who attend the Dual Diagnosis Network meetings
- The Dual Diagnosis lead is responsible for disseminating information to other staff and generally raising awareness of dual diagnosis
- Several staff at CRI and DISC have completed the Dual Diagnosis module
- The network has led to several excellent outcomes for clients as they received a more seamless service

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