

5. UPDATE ON RESTORATIVE JUSTICE DEVELOPMENTS

The Board considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the West Lothian Safer Communities Strategic Planning Group providing a general update in relation to the development and implementation of the national approaches to Restorative Justice Scotland.

In response to a question regarding whether there were any examples of Restorative Justice meetings within West Lothian, members were advised that there were none to date, however, any future examples would be reported to the Board.

It was recommended that the Board note the following from community justice Scotland in order to progress Restorative Justice:

1. The Sheriffdom area – Lothian and Borders identified and agreed as the first initial test project;
2. Community Justice Scotland (CJS) funded to provide national oversight, monitoring and evaluation of the initial test project;
3. Thriving Survivors funded to provide the National Service for Restorative Justice in sexual harm;
4. The Children and Young People's Centre for Justice (CYCJ) submitted a proposal for additional resource to oversee the service for children and young people;
5. The Scottish Government and COSLA hosted a Violence Against Women and Girls and Restorative Justice roundtable event; and
6. Midlothian Community Justice Partnership were completing a consultation with individuals convicted of sexual offences on Restorative Justice.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the report; and.
2. To note officers would provide examples to the Board on any future Restorative Justice undertaken within West Lothian.