

# **TSI North Ayrshire Strategic Update – December 2019**

## **Safer North Ayrshire Partnership**

### **SNAP Strategy**

Draft Strategy is ready for comments from other partners and the wider sector. Barbara Hastings agreed to distribute this across the community and third sector for comments. The strategy will go to Cabinet in February 2020 for approval.

<http://www.northayrshire.community/draft-community-safety-strategy/34182/>

**Any comments regarding the SNAP Draft Strategy please respond to [bhastings@tact.scot](mailto:bhastings@tact.scot) by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

## **Economic Development & Regeneration Board Meeting 10/12/2019**

A new Regional Economic Strategy is being prepared to reflect a regional view and the opportunities through the Ayrshire Growth Deal. Some concerns regarding the lack of third sector involvement, however the North Ayrshire TSI will contact the representative of the sector who sits on the Regional Partnership Board to ascertain how the sector will be represented.

The strategy should reflect community wealth building and inclusive growth. As work progresses in this area the TSI will keep partners informed.

The partners who deliver on the Employability Pipeline have had a very positive conversion rate with 56% of participants moving into employment.

The Shared Prosperity Fund will replace what was European funding and will be shared across the nations of the UK and is set up to reduce inequalities. At the moment there is some uncertainty as to how the fund will be shared, will it be based on need or reflect the level of funding previously received from Europe?

A new disability service Equal has been set up within NAC and focuses on helping people with a disability move into employment. This supported employment approach also includes a SeeMeCV which is a video of the person applying rather than a written application. In addition a unique piece of work is being developed using virtual reality to help employers understand how interview sessions can be a very stressful situation for someone who has a diagnosed condition such as autism. The VR experience is hoped to help employers recruit in a different way utilising the skills and assets of individuals who are often overlooked.

## **Community Justice Ayrshire 9/12/2019**

### **National Through care Delivery**

The Wise Group has expanded the New Routes Service, offering through care support to men of all ages within their existing resources. Shine Women's Mentoring Service has also expanded their reach, however are prioritising women who are more than 14 days on remand. Both have been extended up until the end of March 2020.

It is reported that service users regularly face issues with ID and accessing/opening bank accounts. The CJOIP Implementation Group agreed to take this issue forward and a pan-Ayrshire working group will be established to look at progressing this.

### **Through care Survey**

Following discussion at the South Ayrshire ADP and Community Justice Joint Action Group, it was agreed the P.I.N.G service user involvement group would take this piece of work forward. The survey was designed and piloted, and was made available via community groups, through Justice services, on social media and results were collected via attendance at Kilmarnock, Greenock, Polmont YOI, Cornton Vale and Barlinnie Prisons.

The purpose of the survey was to try and increase our understanding of individual's experiences of returning to the community from prison and look at any good practice or gaps in support needs. Questions were not mandatory. 160 responses were collected, 120 males and 31 females – 120 of these responses were from Ayrshire, with the majority South Ayrshire.

A thematic analysis is currently being undertaken and will be tabled for the March meeting of the CJA

### **HMP Kilmarnock Community Navigator Pilot**

Work on the Community Navigator Pilot continues to progress slowly. The steering group met for the second time along with procurement colleagues to finalise the service specification and agree a procurement process.