

#### **4 COMMUNITY CUSTODY UPDATE (AN78-2019)**

Reference is made to Article II(ii) of the minute of meeting of the Planning Committee of 22nd October, 2018 whereby the Committee approved the application by the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) to build a Community Custody Unit (CCU) for 16 females in Dundee, on the site of the former Our Lady's Primary School in Coldside. The Unit will build on the well-established approach to women delivered through the Justice Centre based at Friarfield. In anticipation of the opening of the new CCU, a Project Board has been established, chaired by the Executive Director, Neighbourhood Services.

The purpose of the Project Board is to provide an oversight of the planning arrangements between SPS and local agencies for the delivery of the health and social care services required by the women in the CCU. It will ensure stakeholder engagement is in place across wider partnerships including third sector, the local community and elected representatives. Members include Elected Members, the SPS and representatives from the third sector, Perth and Kinross Council, the Dundee Health and Social Care Partnership and NHS Tayside.

The Project Board has established 3 sub-groups on Health Needs, chaired by the Head of NHS Prisoner Healthcare; Social Needs Group, chaired by the Senior Manager Community Justice Service; and Communications, chaired by the SPS Head of Corporate Affairs. It is acknowledged that there are important points of overlap between the groups and a joint planning day is planned for Health and Social Needs Groups in November 2019 to develop consistent approaches.

In respect of engaging with wider stakeholders, the Project Board is committed to keeping local communities involved. A meeting is being planned with the community before Christmas to show an electronic "flythrough" of how the CCU will look once it has been built and keep them abreast of developments. In addition, a community representative will be invited to join the Board.

The Project Board will continue once the unit is open and have a watching brief, influence changes and check that all is being delivered as expected. Further reports will be submitted as the development progresses.