



**REPORT TO:** HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – 22 JUNE 2022

**REPORT ON:** COMMUNITY CUSTODY UNIT

**REPORT BY:** CHIEF OFFICER

**REPORT NO:** DIJB45-2022

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To provide the Integration Joint Board with an overview of the progress to develop a women's only Scottish Prison Service, Community Custody Unit within Dundee.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board (IJB):

2.1 Note the contents of this report.

**3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 There are no additional financial implications for Dundee IJB associated with the contents of this report.

**4.0 MAIN TEXT**

**4.1 Community Custody Unit**

4.1.1 Dundee City Council (DCC) approved the planning permission of a female only Community Custody Unit (CCU) in the Coldside area of Dundee in 2018. This will be the first women's only CCU in Scotland, with a second to open in the Maryhill area of Glasgow later in the year. The CCU will be provided and managed through the Scottish Prison Service (SPS), and will support up to 16 women assessed to be heading towards the transition phase at the end of their custodial sentence.

4.1.2 As the first CCU, this will be accessible to women whose home address is both from and out with Dundee City, with priority provided to women from Tayside and North Fife areas where possible. In taking a person-centred approach to the support of women who find themselves in the prison system, the model builds on partnership working with local services and communities to support reintegration, reduce risk and create safer communities. The model supports the women to re-establish and maintain family and community supports.

4.1.3 The SPS is responsible for the provision of premises, security and non-health support, including social care support to people in custody. NHS services are responsible for the delivery of health care services to people in custody. For Tayside, Prison Health Care is delivered by Perth and Kinross IJB, as a hosted service and this will now include the new CCU.

- 4.1.4 In preparation for the CCU, meetings were held with local communities to address any concerns they may have. Following consultation, it was agreed that the CCU would be named the Bella Unit, with an anticipated opening date of August 2022.

## **4.2 Health and Community Support**

- 4.2.1 In a report to Perth and Kinross JJB, the Tayside Prison Health Care Service confirmed that the model provided to the Bella Unit would differ from that currently provided to Tayside Prisons. The new women's only CCU model will likely have a higher turn over of residents, with a more blended approach to support. The women would have both escorted and unescorted access to community supports, based on their assessed risk.
- 4.2.2 To support the delivery of this service, Prison Health Care have received additional funding to expand the current team for the financial year 2022 – 23. Recurring funding has not yet been confirmed for future years. A health sub group was established to develop the model, and representatives from Dundee Health and Social Care Partnership's mental health services, drug and alcohol services and allied health professional services sit on this group. It is not anticipated that there will be additional demands on Dundee community or health services as a result of the Bella Unit being sited in Dundee. Should specialist support be required – for example physiotherapy, this would be set up through normal referral routes. We will continue to monitor impact at a local level as the service is bedded in. The women will have access to other NHS services such as Emergency Department or inpatient services where required.
- 4.2.3 As not all the women will be normally ordinarily resident in Dundee, links will be made with Health and Social Care Partnerships across Tayside and the rest of Scotland, both prior to and on release. Within Dundee, where women were known to services prior to their custodial sentences, we will continue their health or social care support on discharge.
- 4.2.3 Prison Health Care services currently manage a Service Level Agreement arrangement with a General Practice to support one of the current Tayside Prisons and will make similar arrangement for the Bella Unit.
- 4.2.3 SPS are in discussion with third sector organisations to support engagement with and opportunities for the women residing in the Bella Unit.
- 4.2.4 The women in the Bella Unit will also be supported by a Prison Based Social Worker (PBSW). This post is funded by the Scottish Government through the SPS core budget and resource transfer to Dundee City Council (DCC). The post will be located and managed within Dundee Community Justice Service Women's Team, to strengthen the link between the Bella Unit and local women's resources. It is envisaged that the post will be held by two 0.5 workers to create greater resilience, as this will be the only PBSW employed by DCC. The PBSW will fulfil an assessment (progression through Community leave stages) and support the role to all women in the Bella Unit, not just those from Dundee. All home authorities will be expected to fulfil a transition from custody to community role, as it is each women's home authority who have the existing relations with resources in their area and in statutory throughcare cases, have the duty to manage the Licence or Parole.

## **5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Equality Impact Assessment. There are no major issues.

## 6.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

<b>Risk 1 Description</b>	That unexpected additional costs arise for the Dundee H&SCP, following opening of the Bella Unit
<b>Risk Category</b>	Operational
<b>Inherent Risk Level</b>	Likelihood (2) x Impact (3) = Risk Scoring (6)
<b>Mitigating Actions</b> (including timescales and resources)	Monitor referrals to services from the Bella Unit and address and significant increases.
<b>Residual Risk Level</b>	Likelihood (2) x Impact (2) = Risk Scoring (4)
<b>Planned Risk Level</b>	Likelihood (2) x Impact (2) = Risk Scoring (4)
<b>Approval recommendation</b>	It is recommended that the IJB accept this risk

## 7.0 CONSULTATIONS

The Chief Officer, the Chief Finance Officer and the Clerk were consulted in the preparation of this report.

## 8.0 DIRECTIONS

The Integration Joint Board requires a mechanism to action its strategic commissioning plans and this is provided for in sections 26 to 28 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. This mechanism takes the form of binding directions from the Integration Joint Board to one or both of Dundee City Council and NHS Tayside.

Direction Required to Dundee City Council, NHS Tayside or Both	Direction to:	
	1. No Direction Required	X
	2. Dundee City Council	
	3. NHS Tayside	
	4. Dundee City Council and NHS Tayside	

## 9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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