

## Youth Offending Team Management Board Update June 2013

The Stronger Communities Board has fulfilled Torbays Statutory Duties by acting as the management board for the Youth Offending Team

At the Stronger Communities planning event in April 2013 it was agreed there were deficits in the Stronger Communities Board ability to meet the demands of the YOT management board statutory duties. The partnership took the view that to enable a stronger focus on Youth Justice the YOT management Board should become a separate entity. This in turn will enable a stronger focus on the work of the YOT and increase the overview and scrutiny in line with the expectations of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation.

In June a YOT Management Board planning event was undertaken with all statutory partners represented, to discuss the current arrangements and the way forward. The board has considered the findings from other local authority inspections and the HMI Probation Inspection Framework which will form part of a work plan for the board within the Youth Justice Plan.

The YOT management Board **must** as a minimum have representation from the following:-

- Local Authority
- Police
- Health
- Probation

The Torbay YOT Management Board also has representation from Community Safety, Youth Court and the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)

New terms of reference have been drafted (attached) and circulated ready for sign off at the next meeting in September.

The Management Board will meet on a quartley basis immediately proceeding or following the Stronger Communities Board.

The chair of the YOT management board must be a director level from one of the Statutory partners, this is currently held by the Director of Public Health.

Priorities for the Board for the next three months:-

- Agree and sign off new terms of reference
- Agree 'champions' for areas of business
- Sign off annual Youth Justice Plan

Areas of focus for the YOT will include:-

- Sexually inappropriate/harmful behaviours
- Restorative Justice
- Wider use of volunteers
- Young perpetrators of domestic abuse