

## Ilfracombe Health and Justice Pilot Leadership meeting – 07.1.2026

### Present:

Andrea Beacham	RDUH
Amy Slater	RDUH
Simon Rapsey	RDUH
Sonja Manton	DPT
John Palmer	RUH Bath NHS Trust
Chandraa Bhattacharya	NHSE/MOJ
Scarlett Roberts	Expert by experience
Sara Jones	South West Probation services

### Meeting notes:

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- Project Updates and Achievements:** Simon, Andrea, and Chandraa provided an update on recent project achievements, including the formalisation of the team, a multi-agency workshop, and progress on information sharing and evaluation partnerships.
  - Team Formation and Workshop:** Simon reported that the team around the person aspect of the project was formalised, and a multi-agency workshop was held, led by Andrea and Simon, to support collaborative working and process design.
  - Information Sharing Developments:** Simon and Chandraa discussed differences in information sharing approaches with the North East project, highlighting the aim to use the One Devon Data set for detailed, anonymised health activity data, and the need for multi-agency IG input.
  - Evaluation Partnerships:** Chandraa emphasised the importance of collaborating with Anglia Ruskin Team and Health Innovation Southwest for evaluation, suggesting contact with Professor Lee Smith for shared learning and methodological rigor.
  - National Interest and Media Coverage:** Chandraa informed the group about upcoming national media coverage by The Guardian and noted significant interest from the MOJ press office and Number 10, with potential for a high-level visit.
- Information Governance and Data Sharing Challenges:** Andrea, Simon, Chandraa, Sonja, and Sara Jones discussed ongoing challenges with multi-agency information governance (IG) agreements, including the need for examples from other regions, potential use of national partnership agreements, and actions to expedite the process.
  - Current IG Status:** Simon explained that phase two holistic assessments and the team around the person process are not yet live due to delays in establishing multi-agency IG agreements.

- **Seeking Precedents and Support:** Chandraa requested Sara Jones to check with local probation leads for any existing multi-agency data sharing agreements that could be adapted, and offered to provide templates and facilitate connections with national working groups.
  - **National Partnership Agreement:** Chandraa suggested leveraging the National Partnership Agreement for Health and Justice as an umbrella for data sharing, provided the involved agencies are listed and relevant protocols are followed.
  - **Next Steps and Actions:** Andrea and Simon agreed to compile a list of involved agencies and follow up with Chandraa and other leads, while John proposed drafting a letter to chief executives to expedite agreement using the umbrella framework.
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- **Health Check Pilot Progress and Engagement Barriers:** John, Andrea, Sara Jones, Scarlett R, Amy, and Simon discussed the slow uptake of the health check pilot, identifying barriers such as staff capacity and the need for improved engagement strategies, including lived experience input and incentives.
    - **Referral and Engagement Issues:** Andrea and Simon noted that referrals to the health check pilot have been limited, with Sara Jones attributing this to staff capacity and lack of awareness among probation practitioners.
    - **Lived Experience Perspective:** Scarlett offered to support participant engagement by sharing her lived experience and addressing concerns directly with potential participants, aiming to build trust and reduce fear around information sharing.
    - **Incentives and Practical Adjustments:** Sara Jones and Sonja discussed the potential for small incentives, such as coffee vouchers, to encourage participation, with Andrea and John agreeing to explore funding options and local business sponsorship.
    - **Softening the Approach:** Amy suggested a softer approach by having the nurse present informally alongside probation appointments, and Andrea confirmed the nurse's willingness to engage directly with probation staff to build understanding.
  - **Kafka Brigade Implementation and Next Steps:** John, Andrea, Simon, and Scarlett reviewed the status of the Kafka Brigade work, outlining the need for senior leads, data set development, and direct participant engagement, with plans to move forward on storytelling and action planning.
    - **Kafka Brigade Process Overview:** John described the Kafka Brigade methodology, which involves identifying a representative complex case, gathering detailed citizen and public service perspectives, and using these insights to drive collective action and improvement.
    - **Data Set and Candidate Identification:** Andrea and John discussed the need to finalise data sets to identify suitable candidates for the Kafka Brigade case study, with at least one potential participant identified.

- **Barriers to Direct Engagement:** Andrea highlighted that the NHS were unable to directly contact with people on probation for Kafka Brigade participation until they had given consent, and sought Sara Jones's input on expediting this process.
- **Leadership and Coordination:** John emphasised the importance of securing senior leads from all partner organisations and proposed scheduling a collective performance review to maintain momentum and accountability. John will write to the chief executives and chairs regarding the Collective Performance Review in 3 to 4 months and explaining the process that we will follow and getting a date in the diary for May/June. Between now and June the two narratives need to be built – the individual's experience and the public service experience.
- **Review of Participant Safeguarding and Recommendations:** Scarlett R, Andrea, Simon, and Amy reviewed responses to Scarlett's recommendations on safeguarding, trauma-informed care, and same-sex clinical provision, confirming implementation steps and clarifying outstanding actions.
  - **Wenweb Score Implementation:** Simon confirmed that the short Wenweb score has been integrated into the process as per Scarlett's recommendation.
  - **Trauma-Informed and Same-Sex Care:** Amy reported that staff at the medical centre are being trained in trauma-informed care
  - **Recall Safeguarding Concerns:** Scarlett R reiterated the need for safeguards to prevent recall to prison based on health information, and Andrea agreed to send the formal response for review and further input.

Follow-up tasks:

- **Collaboration with Cambridge Evaluation Team:** Contact Lee Smith at Anglia Ruskin to explore collaboration and shared learning opportunities regarding evaluation methodologies for the project. (Amy)
- **Evaluation Team Introduction:** Introduce Chandraa to the Health Innovation Southwest evaluation team for a briefing conversation. (Andrea)
- **Minimum Indicators for Reporting:** Schedule a meeting with Chandraa to discuss and receive the minimum standard of indicators required for reporting on the project. (Andrea)
- **Kafka Brigade:** write to the chief executives and chairs regarding the Collective Performance Review in 3 to 4 months and explaining the process that we will follow and getting a date in the diary for May/June (John). Between now and June the two narratives need to be built – the individual's experience and the public service experience. (Simon) Email Chandraa with the correct spelling, employment details, and background information for Irwin Turbitt, the Kafka Brigade facilitator. (Amy)
- **Multi-Agency IG Agreement Support:** Email Chandraa to arrange a meeting to discuss and expedite the multi-agency information governance (IG) agreement, providing her

with a list of involved agencies. (Andrea, Simon). Send letter regarding an IG 'umbrella' to all the partner chief executives for approval. (John Palmer).

- **Probation Data Sharing Precedents:** Check internally within Southwest Probation, especially with Louise (PDU head), for any existing multi-agency data sharing agreements or precedents that can be adapted for the project. (Sara Jones)
- **List of Agencies for IG Agreement:** Email Chandraa a list of all agencies involved in the multi-agency IG agreement to facilitate further guidance and support. (Simon Rapsey)
- **Increase Probation Practitioner Engagement:** Work with probation staff, including new support officers, to increase practitioner engagement and drive referrals for the health check pilot in Ilfracombe. (Sara Jones)