



# Hampshire Youth Justice Service (HYJS) Report to the Children and Young Peoples Select Committee

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# Governance

- Partnership set up by Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- Overseen by the Youth Justice Board
- Local Management Board consisting of partners - who oversees the work of the YJS and holds its partners to account
- Recent decision to merge Hampshire and the IOW Youth Justice Management Boards

# Hampshire YJS as a statutory partnership

HYJS's Statutory Partners have a responsibility to finance the work of the YJS

- Health
- Local Authority
- Probation



# Hampshire YJS as an extended partnership

Those agencies who can support the work of youth justice including:

- Courts
- Office Police Crime Commissioner
- Community Safety Partnerships
- Youth Services

# Our Work

Appendix 1 provides a full list of outcomes, but broadly HYJS works with children who are:

- Subject to Court Orders
- Subject to a Caution
- Diverted away from becoming a First Time Entrant (FTE)
- Referred for Youth Crime Prevention

# Team Structure

## Area teams (Appendix 1)

- Statutory Outcomes
- Youth Diversion Programme
- Youth Crime Prevention

## Specialist Services (Appendix 2)

- Restorative Justice
- Education, training and employment
- Therapeutic Wellbeing
- Parenting
- Turnaround

## County wide support

- HQ
- Performance
- Coordination of:
  - Referral Order Panels
  - Volunteers
  - Out of Court Disposals

# Performance and Quality

- Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP) – inspected May 2018 - Good
- Next inspection programme is from April 2024. we could be inspected early.
- Youth Justice Board key performance indicators: FTE, Rate of reoffending and the number of children in custody
- New indicator set from April 2023 (appendix 3)

# Current Performance

- Reduction in the numbers First Time Entrants (FTEs) (Down from 148 – 117, just confirmed Q1-3).
- Consistent reoffending rate overtime (~32% – 37%).
- Low numbers of children receiving a custodial sentence (1 in 12 months)

# Other key data which inform our priorities

- 42% of FTEs have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- 17% of FTEs have an EHCP
- 13.2% of FTEs come from a minority ethnic background as compared to 9% of the 10-18 population in Hampshire (2011 data)

# Annual Youth Justice Plan

- Statutory responsibility to produce an annual plan
- Sets out the governance and leadership of the service, its funding, and how it delivers its work
- Underpinned by the vision of a 'Child First' Youth Justice System
- Requires consultation with partners
- Priorities are also aligned with partners priorities.
- Next plan due 2023

# Progress made with 22/23 plan

- Continued use of the Youth Diversion Programme which is responsible for the fall in First time entrants
- The development of an internal communications strategy to improve consistency of practice.
- Reviewing our approach to the assessment of risk and relaunching this to staff.
- Using some of our reserve employing a new participation officer

# Other work completed 22/23

- Responded to the Ministry of Justices Turnaround programme.
- Continue to support Childrens and Failies deliver the Non Violent Resistance (NVR) programme to parents who experience violence from their children.
- Reviewed the structure of the management board in line with guidance and HMI Probation inspection criteria
- Hosted a Ministers of State visit in January (Rt Hon Damian Hinds – Minister for Prisons, Parole and Probation)

# Next years plan – in development

- Develop our work with children with Special Education Needs
- Use the new funding to undertake Speech, Language and Communications (SLC) assessments (estimated 60% of children in the justice system have these needs.
- Continue to work on meeting the needs of children from other minority groups so they are not disadvantaged by the YJS.
- Restorative Justice Service to be a registered provider



# Finance

## Cash and payment in kind

- Cash from YJB grant, Children's Services and Probation
- Payment in kind in the form of people: Police, Probation and Health

## Additional grants to support specific area of work;

- Office Police Crime Commissioner, Early Help, Clinical Commissioning Group and the Ministry of Justice

# To Conclude

- A review of the 10 months since we last reported.
- Performance is solid across our KPIs
- Currently working to last years Youth Justice Plan. Next plan due 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023
- Our ambition continues to reach 'Outstanding'

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