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Briefing to Policy Committee

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Report to: Education, Children and Families Policy Committee

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Subject: Youth Justice Overview Report
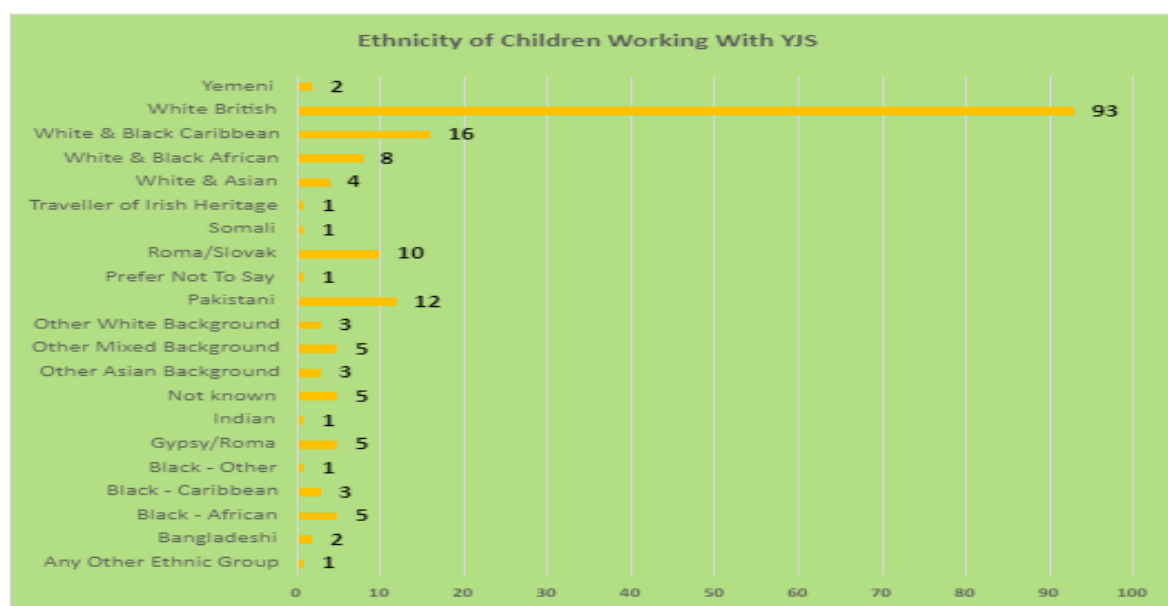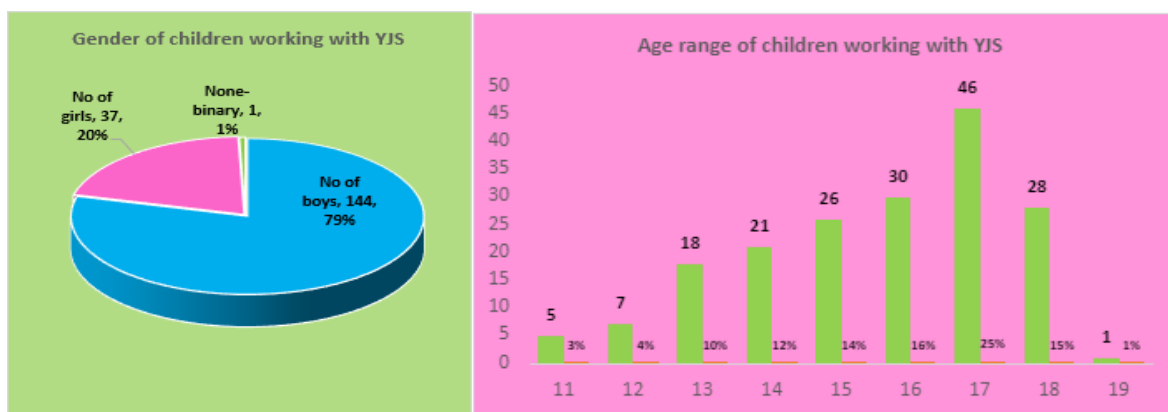
1. GOVERNANCE

1.1   Section 39 (1) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires the co-operation of the named statutory partners to form a Youth Offending Service (YOS). Section 38 (1,2) identifies the statutory partners and places upon them a duty to co-operate to secure youth justice services appropriate to their area. These statutory partners are:

- The Local Authority
- Police
- The Probation Service
- Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

1.2   The primary responsibility for Local Authorities is to ensure that a range of Youth Justice Service are delivered through YOS. The Youth Justice Board (JYB) is the executive non-departmental public body that oversees the YJS in England and Wales.

1.3   Who are the children we work with?

On 31 July 2023 we were working with 182 children. 35% of the children had been to court whilst we were working 65% of the children who were pre court

Gender of children working with YJS

No of girls, 37, 20%
None-binary, 1, 1%
No of boys, 144, 79%

Age range of children working with YJS

Age	Count	Percentage
11	5	3%
12	7	4%
13	18	10%
14	21	12%
15	26	14%
16	30	16%
17	46	25%
18	28	15%
19	1	1%

Ethnicity of Children Working With YJS

Ethnicity	Count
Yemeni	2
White British	93
White & Black Caribbean	16
White & Black African	8
White & Asian	4
Traveller of Irish Heritage	1
Somali	1
Roma/Slovak	10
Prefer Not To Say	1
Pakistani	12
Other White Background	3
Other Mixed Background	5
Other Asian Background	3
Not known	5
Indian	1
Gypsy/Roma	5
Black - Other	1
Black - Caribbean	3
Black - African	5
Bangladeshi	2
Any Other Ethnic Group	1

2. FINANCE

2.1 The table below shows the partner contributions for 2023/24. The total available funding is £2,242,494.

Agency	Staffing costs	Payments in kind – revenue	Other delegated funds	Total
Local Authority		-	£616,300	**£616,300**
National Probation Service	£43,730	-	£5000	**£48,730**
Health Service	£54,000	-	£114,635	**£168,635**
Police and Crime Commissioner	£172,800	-	£233,000	**£405,800**
YJB Good Practice Grant	-	-	£1,003,029	**£1,003,029**
Total	**£270,530**	**-**	**£1,971,964**	**£2,242,494**

Note: YJB grant based on 2022/23 funding contribution.

3. **ANNUAL PLAN**

3.1 A condition of the YJB grant is to produce an annual Youth Justice Plan outlining how Youth Justice Services will be delivered locally. This outlines National Key Performance Indicators set by the Ministry of Justice and Locally Agreed Priorities identified through staff consultation.

3.2 The following KPIs (Key Performance Indicators) are new KPIs for Youth Offending Teams. We will be reporting performance against these KPIs in August 2023, for children with orders ending during the quarter, commencing quarter 1 2023/24.

3.3 The new KPIs ensure that we capture the breadth and success of all our work so they will apply to all children who we carry out an intervention with and not just those on the statutory caseload who have been convicted by the courts.

3.4 At a recent event I was able to hear Alan Webster, Deputy Director for Youth Justice Policy for the MoJ advise Heads of Service that the revised KPIs should not be considered YOT KPIs, but Local Area KPIs as they cannot be achieved by a YOT alone.

3.5 The data from the KPIs will provide the transparency and accountability to help YOT Management Boards, the Youth Justice Board (YJB) and the Ministry of Justice to recognise progress and successes as well as to focus attention and support where there are challenges. The aim is that this evidence can prompt conversations and enable local partners to work together to minimise the barriers to children's success, prevent offending and protect the public. Centrally, the data will be used to identify themes which present barriers for reducing reoffending.

3.6 The 10 new KPIs are:

a) **Accommodation**: % of children in the community and being released from custody with suitable accommodation arrangements

b) **Education, training and employment (ETE)**: % of children in the community and being released from custody attending a suitable ETE arrangement.

c) **SEND/Additional Learning Needs**: % of children who have an identified SEND need (or Additional Learning Need in Wales), are in suitable ETE and have a formal learning plan in place for the current academic year

d) **Mental healthcare and emotional wellbeing**: % of children in the community and being released from custody with a screened OR identified need for an intervention to improve mental health or emotional wellbeing; and of that the % of planned/offered interventions; of that % of children attending interventions

e) **Substance misuse**: % of children with a screened OR identified need for specialist treatment intervention to address substance misuse; and of that

the % of children with planned or offered intervention/treatment; and of that the % number of children attending intervention/treatment

f) **Out of court disposals (OOCDs)**: % of OOCD disposal interventions that are completed/not completed

g) **Management Board attendance**: monitoring senior partner representation at management boards, and monitoring if partners contribute data from their individual services that identify areas of racial and ethnic disproportionality.

h) **Wider Services**: % children who are currently on either an Early Help (EH) plan; on a child protection (CP) plan or classified as Child in need (CiN) or a looked after child (LAC). For Wales only, children who are classified as Children in Need of Care and Support

i) **Serious youth violence (SYV)**: rates of children convicted for SYV on the YOT caseload

j) **Victims**: number of victims who consent to be contact by the YOT, and of those, the number of victims: engaged with about Restorative Justice opportunities; asked their view prior to OOCD decision-making and planning for statutory court orders; provided information about the progress of the child's case (when requested) and provided with information on appropriate services that support victims (when requested)

3.7 In addition to the 10 new KPIs listed above, we will continue to be required to capture data on the 4 current KPIs as they provide a helpful overview of how the youth justice system is delivering against the principle statutory aim of preventing (re)offending by children.

- First Time Entrants
- Reoffending binary rate
- Reoffending frequency rate
- Number of children in custody

3.8 Locally Agreed Principles for Sheffield YJS are –

- Effective Case Management
- Reducing Overrepresentation
- Staff Welfare
- Transitions