

TITLE OF REPORT: Youth Offending Team

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Summary

To provide an update on the Youth Offending Team key priorities for 2018/19 and performance for the latest period which covers July 2018 to September 2018 for First Time Entrants (FTE) and Custody indicators. For the Re-Offending indicator data from Police National Computer (PNC), the latest published cohorts will be quarterly cohort July 2016 to September 2016 and the annual cohort from October 2015 – September 2015. The re-offending data from Childview cohort is from April 2017 to March 2018 shows re-offending data 6 months into the tracking of this cohort.

1 Introduction

1.1 There is a requirement for Youth Offending Teams (YOTs) to produce an Annual Youth Justice Plan, which is one of the grant conditions for Local Authorities.

2 Background / Context

2.1 The Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2018/19 updates on the structure and governance of the YOT Board. During the drafting of this plan it was agreed by Board members that the Board should report to the Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) from 2018, to present achievements, challenges, performance and seek the views of member on the annual strategic plan going forward.

3 Key Priorities for the YOT for 2018/19

3.1 Key priorities for 2018/19 are:

- Improve the access to general health assessments for young people who enter the Criminal Justice System – carried forward from 17/19 plan.

New Priorities:

- Explore with the Newcastle/Gateshead Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to identify potential funding to introduce the Liaison and Diversion scheme within Gateshead.
- Review Restorative Justice approaches within Gateshead and apply for renewal of the Restorative Justice Quality Mark (RJQM).

- Explore alternative methods of funding with regional colleagues to deliver on Attachment Based Parenting Interventions for young people known to Youth Justice Services.
- To embed the Enhanced Case Management (ECM) model and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) research into every day practice which will aim to acknowledge and consider young people's diverse needs in relation to trauma.
- Ensure that relevant staff attend the 3 days – Trauma Recovery Training arranged for March 2019.
- To develop preventative approaches to work with young people in the Looked After Child (LAC), Child In Need (CIN), Complex Child In Need (CCIN), and Child Protection arenas and those at risk of Civil Injunctions.

4. Performance:

First Time Entrants

- There has been a total of 9 First Time Entrants (FTE) during the latest period (**July 2018 to Sept 2018**). This is calculated as a rate of 53 as the YJB (Youth Justice Board) represents this target (per 100,000 of the 10-17 population). There has been an 36% decrease when compared to the previous quarter, in which there were 14 FTE reported. This was a 59% reduction from the same period this time last year in which there were 17 FTE reported.
- Youth Justice Board (YJB) published data obtained through Police National Computer (PNC) for 12 months (**Apr 2017 to Mar 2018**) reports 77 FTE's which is a rate of 452 (per 100,000 of 10-17 population). This is a 2.3% increase year-on-year. This is higher than the Northumbria PCC area average for this period (450), and higher than the National average (276). FTE data obtained through the Gateshead YOTs Case Management System reports 56 FTE for the same period therefore a discrepancy of 21 was identified, Gateshead YOT are working with the police to identify the reason for this discrepancy.

Custody

- There have been no custodial sentences during this period.
- The latest YJB published data for **Jul 17 to Jun 18** shows the 12-month rate of Custody for Gateshead at 0.0, this represents 0 custodial sentences in the 12-month period. This is below the Northumbria PCC regional average for this period (0.22), and below the National average (0.34).

Re-offending - The Proportion of young offenders who reoffend - Number of Offenders in Cohort

- **PNC published data** - The latest published quarterly cohort reoffending data from the PNC (Police National Computer) for **Jul 2016 to Sep 2016** sets Gateshead's Binary percentage (percentage of young people who go on to reoffend) at 37%. This is below the Northumbria PCC regional average of 40.9%, and below the National average of 41.3%. The above quarterly cohort data represents 27 young offenders within this cohort. The latest published annual cohort reoffending data from the PNC (Police National Computer) for **Oct 2015 to Sep 2016** sets Gateshead's Binary percentage (percentage of young people who go on to reoffend) at 40.9%. This is below the Northumbria PCC regional average of 45.8%, and below the National average of 41.6%. The above annual cohort data represents 127 young offenders within this cohort.
- Gateshead YOT uses a Live Tracking tool to track two separate re-offending cohorts both of which track those YP that started a YOT intervention through **April 2017 to March 2018** and are tracked for a total period of 18 months. Within the Statutory intervention cohort there are a total of 124 YP being tracked. Within the Non-Statutory intervention cohort there are a total of 115 YP being tracked.

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- **PNC published data** - Quarterly cohort (**Jul 16 to Sept 16**) - Of the 27 yp within this cohort, 10 young people went on to re-offend committing a total of 26 further offences. Annual Cohort (**Oct 15 to Sep 16**) - Of the 127-young people within this cohort, 52 young people went on to re-offend committing a total of 192 further offences.
- Gateshead YOT Case Management System - Within the Statutory intervention cohort there are a total of 124 YP being tracked, of which 23 young people or 19% went on to re-offend committing a total of 71 further offences. Within the Non-Statutory intervention cohort there are a total of 115 young people being tracked, of which 9 young people or 8% went on to offend committing a total of 24 further offences.

4 Recommendations:

i.1 The Committee is asked to:

- (i) Discuss and agree the Annual Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2018/19
- (ii) Request regular updates on the key priorities

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