1. Brief Update

1.1 The sub group has had two meetings during this quarter, one of which has been an additional extraordinary meeting convened to focus on the new standards for the HMIP inspection of Youth Offending Services. This took the style of a workshop to look at the three domains that will be inspected in the new framework and to focus on the governance and leadership domain to reiterate the importance of the sub group and its responsibilities as a YOS management board as well as add partnership input into the Self Evaluation that has been created to identify where further developments are needed as areas of focus for the YOS in line with the HMIP expectations.

1.2 Overall the majority of the actions within the Children and Young People’s sub group are progressing well and on track. The one issue that the group is still struggling with is the ability to gather information when young people have been the victim of a stabbing incident. There is no process to gather this information or refer through to the youth at risk matrix.

1.3 The partnership attendance at the board has been expanded to incorporate education colleagues and youth services to ensure that the wider partnership is involved, particularly to continue to impact first time entrants into the criminal justice system.

1.4 Members of the sub group have been, and continue to be involved at looking at ways in which the borough may do things differently, particularly in the area of exploitation in its widest context and a focus on Contextual Safeguarding will compliment this work.
2. **Key Challenge(s)**

2.1 Whilst the majority of the partners attend the sub group on a regular basis there is still no consistent representative from the Community Rehabilitation company, however they have now started to engage in a virtual way.

2.2 Whilst first time entrants has decreased over the last three quarters there is still more work to do to ensure that the performance against the three youth offending indicators continues to improve against a backdrop of challenging and concerning young people that are becoming involved in quite risky behaviours and placing themselves and others in danger.

2.3 Serious youth violence and knife crime remains a priority for the sub group and the ongoing actions will be updated to reflect this over the next 12 months.

3. **Emerging Trends**

3.1 There are more young people coming to the attention of social care and YOS who have become involved in concerning behaviours and very quickly escalated to the point of serious safeguarding and welfare issues through the risks that they are placing themselves in through criminal behaviours and peer group/gang associations.

3.2 Young people involved in criminal behaviours may not necessarily have the same profile as we have seen over the last ten years. Cases coming to light show that the previous indicators such as being NEET, missing, looked after, open and known to services may not be present in more recent cases. This can make it harder to identify those young people that are potentially more likely to be at risk of becoming involved in offending or at risk of being exploited in some form.

4. **Support required from CSP Board**

4.1 Assistance from the police to develop a process where the YOS can receive regular reports to identify young people under the age of 18 who have been reported as being the victim of a stabbing whether life changing or not. This will enable them to be offered support via the youth at risk matrix which in turn could reduce the potential for them to become a perpetrator themselves.