

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

REPORT

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1. Brief Update

- 1.1 The Youth Justice Service Sub Group has met twice during the last quarter, June 5th and July 17th.
- 1.2 The June meeting was in an in person development day for all board members, The day focused on:-
 - The development of the annual youth justice plan in collaboration with young people living in the borough. It was an opportunity for the board to focus on the achievements of the service over the previous year and the areas for further development over the coming year.
 - Board members had an opportunity to attend the new service location in Waking Road and meet some of the staff and young people and learn more about what they are doing. They got to meet with young people to see the work they have been doing with their worker and discuss the impact that this has had on them. Staff were also able to meet board members and understand more about the role that they play as strategic partners that support them in their work.
 - This was also an opportunity for board members to attend the Ben Kinsella Exhibition to learn more about the commissioned work focused on the impact of knife crime. They were able to understand the experience that this will give to young people in order for them to better understand the effect that knife crime has on victims and their families.
 - [LBBB Youth Justice plan 2023 2024 .pdf](#)

1.3 The meeting in July focused on :-

- Progress of the Youth Justice Service against their targets for development. Main areas of focus being those highlighted in the most recent audit in December. Work is showing steady improvement for the service which will be tested further in the upcoming audit to ensure that development work has had the desired impact for children and their families.
- Update on HMIP annual report and summary of main findings and areas of further focus for the service going forward from these findings.
- Overview of serious incident reporting for the previous quarter and a summary of the two incidents recently reported and any themes and issues identified through this process.
- Response to recent letter from MOPAC to show how we are addressing the issues of non criminalisation of looked after children within the youth justice service as well as addressing the issues of diversity and disproportionality as a board. The collective response has been recorded and a reply to the letter has been sent.

2. Key Challenge(s)

- 2.1 There are new key performance indicators for the service which have needed further work with regard to data collection and some changes to working practices to meet these indicators. The Youth Justice Service has been working with partners to ensure that systems and processes within their own organisations are able to meet these requirements and ongoing monitoring will be expected.
- 2.2 Ongoing improvement/development work will continue to ensure that standards are raised and that audit outcomes are improved.
- 2.3 Although greatly reduced, FTE and custody rates still remain high in comparison with London and national rates which is an ongoing focus for the service.
- 2.4 Robbery and knife offences remain high and focused work to address these areas continues.

3. Emerging Trends

- 3.1 None in addition to the findings outlined in the previous section.

4. Support required from CSP Board

- 4.1 Continued focus as a board on the scheduled improvements and learning from previous inspections. Agency representatives ensuring that the themes that are highlighted in inspection reports are considered and good practice identified is replicated.

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- 4.2 Partner agencies need to ensure that the work of seconded staff is evident within the youth justice recording system as part of the recommendations from the audit.