



Community Safety Partnership First Time Entrants Update

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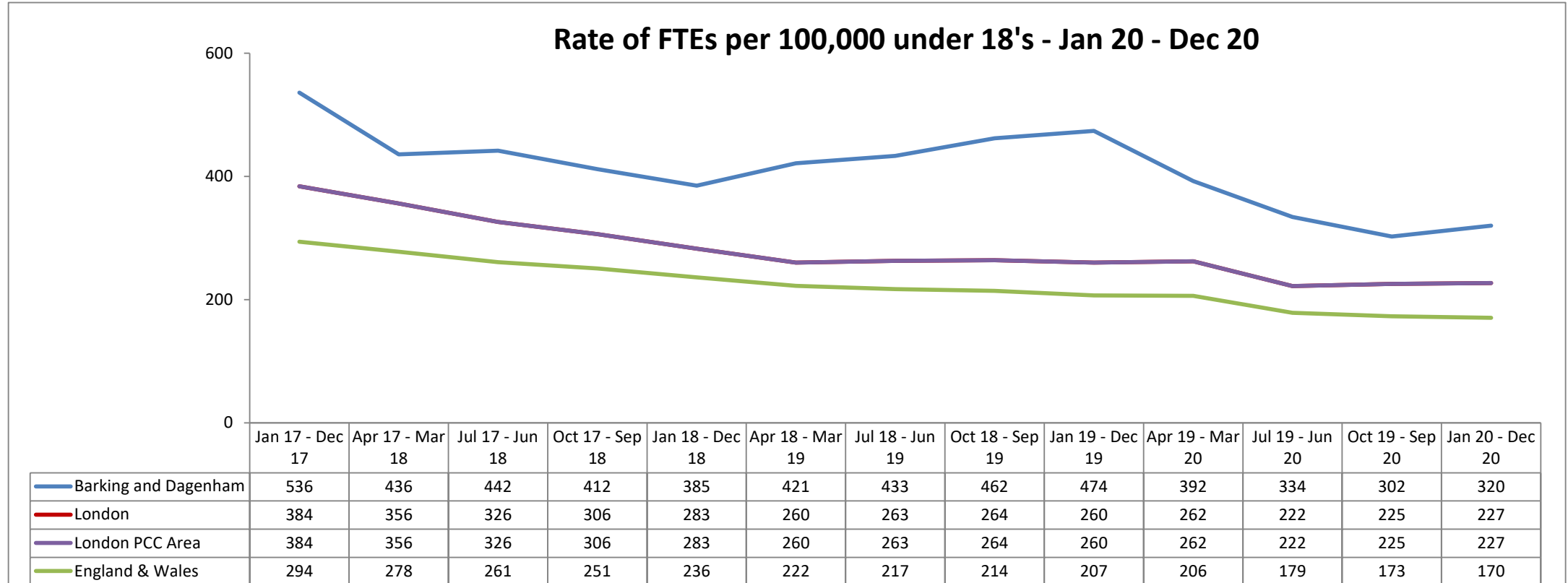
What is a First Time Entrant (FTE) ?

- This is the number of young people under the age of 18 who are arrested and receive their first substantive outcome for an offence.
- This includes those who are charged straight to court and receive a conviction and subsequent statutory intervention delivered by the YOS.
- It also includes those young people who receive a youth caution or conditional caution and receive an intervention from the YOS. It is a direct alternative to being charged to court but if they do not comply they can then be charged back to court for failure to comply with the conditions
- There are opportunities for young people to engage with the YOS on a voluntary basis through Out of Court Disposals (OOCd) via a community resolution being given by the police or receiving a triage agreed by the police and YOS which do **NOT** count as a FTE.
- Sometimes a young person can be charged to court if they do a no comment interview and later offer an admission of guilt, this can come back to the YOS for an OOCd in agreement with the YOS, police and CPS.

Why focus on FTE?

- LBBD at the end of 2020 had the highest rate of first time entrants into the criminal justice system in the country and has consistently been in the top 10 for the last 5 years
- Whilst there have been positive developments there is still more work to be done to reduce the number of children entering the youth justice system.
- YARM since it's inception has been a success and only 5% of those worked with go on to enter the criminal justice system so what else might we be missing and how can we intervene?

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- There is a time lag with this indicator and the latest data available covers the 12-month period January 2020 to December 2020 and was released on 06/09/2021. Figures for this indicator were unavailable during the pandemic until the latest release.
- This gives us a rate of 320 per 100,000 10 – 17 year olds when using ONS 2019 mid-year population estimates (25,313). When placed in rank order by rate per 100,000 10 – 17 year olds. The national average is 170 and the London average is 227.
- Barking and Dagenham currently has the fifth highest rate of First Time Entrants in London. This is a drop down from Barking and Dagenham having the highest in London from the last set of figures that were available (for the 12 months to December 2019).
- Performance has been RAG rated **AMBER**. The latest figures show a decrease in the volume and rate of First Time Entrants. Whilst a decrease is good news Barking and Dagenham still have a high rate of First Time Entrants regionally and nationally.

What have we done so far ? (since latest data)

- We have continued to monitor FTE's on a regular basis and have completed a deep dive on a group of 10 children to understand their lived experiences and where we can best intervene.
- We have implemented a FTE sub group, which is a task and finish group to focus the partnership to look at what else might be impacting this figure for LBBD.

FTE Deep Dive- what were the themes?

- 80% had been known to children's social care on either a CIN or CP plan.
- 50% had experienced or witnessed domestic abuse
- nearly 60% had witnessed either a parent or sibling abusing substances.
- 62% had a change or inconsistency in their primary care giver and 40% has suffered a significant loss in their life
- 60% had been excluded from school or struggled with engagement/attendance
- 60% had been previously arrested and no further action taken by police and also 30% being released under investigation
- 50% had been the victim of a crime

What is the FTE sub group and what does it do?

- Group of partner agencies at the right level to be able to effect change within their own organisations
- Opportunity to look at the gaps and potential areas in which we can impact FTE numbers
- Improve quality of provision for young people at earliest opportunity
- Time limited focused actions with review of impact

Work so far

- Checking of police information to YOS to identify young people at point of arrest who may be eligible for OOCD which reduces the need for children to attend court which can create delay
- Police checking that court results and OOCD are confirmed in PNC to ensure accurate data
- Developing menu of resources for police to give them an opportunity to offer diversionary activities at earliest opportunity, such as when a child may be released under investigation or no further action taken
- Working with education/YARM to support at earliest opportunity to try and maintain young person in school.

Next steps

- Ongoing bi monthly FTE sub group meeting reporting to the YOS Board for oversight and assurance
- Training to identify the issues and how partners can identify and intervene at early stage.
- Ongoing review of FTE data and drilling into the cases to ensure data is current and gaps and issues identified at earliest opportunity.
- Annual deep dive of FTE to identify any changes in trends/themes, ensuring that disproportionality is always considered.