

Meeting: Safer Communities Executive Board

Date: 12 December 2008

Report Title: Youth Offending Service (YOS) Partnership Board

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Summary

The Youth Offending Partnership Board is responsible, among other key targets, for one of 6 improvement targets underneath Safer Communities. This is NI 111: First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10 – 17. Performance is measured by the direction of travel and this was positive at the end of quarter 1 with an 18.5% reduction over the same period last year.

Recommendations

For information only.

Financial/Legal Comments

N/A

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Background

The YOS Partnership Board is a multi disciplinary Board which meets on a quarterly basis. The Borough Commander chairs the meetings and the Deputy Director of Children and Young People's Service (CYPS) is the vice-chair. The Board is due to meet on 11th December and has not met since the previous SCEB, as it meets quarterly.

The Scaled Approach:

The YJB has issued the Post-consultation Scaled Approach which was introduced in September 2009 with the Youth Rehabilitation Order and new National Standards. The revised scaled approach will still include 12 Asset (assessment tool) scores, but also 4 new static risk factor scores – offence type, age at first reprimand/caution/warning, age at first conviction, number of

previous convictions. On the basis of the scores, appropriate levels of intervention will be required. I have been advised by the YJB London Regional Manager that there are likely to be resource implications for London YOS's due to the anticipated number of high intervention levels identified. The YOS performance analyst is looking into methods of estimating, in advance, possible numbers in this category.

First time entrants (LAA target):

Haringey has the third highest number of first time entrants to the Youth Justice system in London (after Newham and Croydon). The LAA target is to reduce this number and is now calculated using PNC (police national computer) data rather than YOS data. The baseline is 452 but will be calculated in future as a rate per 100,000 population of 10 to 17 years olds in the Borough . From 7th July a pre-reprimand scheme has been operating in the Borough.

Funding applications:

- The YOS and partners have been working with Rainer/Crime Concern (now Catch22) and have been successful gaining funding for an Intensive Intervention Project, funded by the DSCF. This is one of only two IIP's in London.

- The YOS worked with other Council departments and the Police to submit successful funding bids (total of £90k for 2008/09) for Youth Crime Action Plan work. This includes reparation and positive activities for young people at risk of offending on Friday and Saturday evenings/nights, YOS workers to carry out risk assessments in Police stations, and preparation for a Family Intervention programme to be set up for April 2009. This work will assist Haringey in gaining the larger funds of £700k over two years for the same work, but we will have to ensure the Family Intervention Programme is then operational.