

Meeting: Community Safety Partnership

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Report Title: Youth Justice Service

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1. Purpose of the report

1.1 This report provides an update on performance of Haringey Youth Justice Service, delivery provision and forthcoming developments including changes to the HMIP inspection framework for Youth Offending Services.

2. State link(s) with Other Plan Priorities and actions and /or other Strategies:

2.1 P1 – The Best Start in Life, Objective- Reducing First Time Entrants to the Youth Justice System

2.2 The Community Safety Strategy which is in development, will align with the Borough Plan. Place – Stronger, connected communities where together we improve our environment by making it safer, cleaner and greener.

3. Recommendations

3.1 The Board is asked to note the content of the report and Haringey's Annual Youth Justice Plan 2018/19 attached at Appendix 1.

3.2 Members of the Board are asked to note HMIP's new inspection arrangements of Youth Offending Teams, and to consider planning readiness for their organisations involvement in a future inspection of Haringey Youth Justice Service.

4. Background

4.1 Haringey YJS works with young people from the point of Out of Court Disposal through to managing all statutory Court orders including young people sentenced to custody. Haringey YJS works in partnership with the Police, Probation, Education, Health and Social Care to deliver interventions that can reduce reoffending, protect the public and safeguard young people.

4.2 The work of the YJS is governed by Youth Justice Board National Standards and case management guidance. Local delivery of services provided by the YJS is overseen and governed by Haringey Youth Justice Partnership Board under Priority One of the London Borough of Haringey's Corporate Plan. (Ensuring all Children have the best start in life).

5. Performance

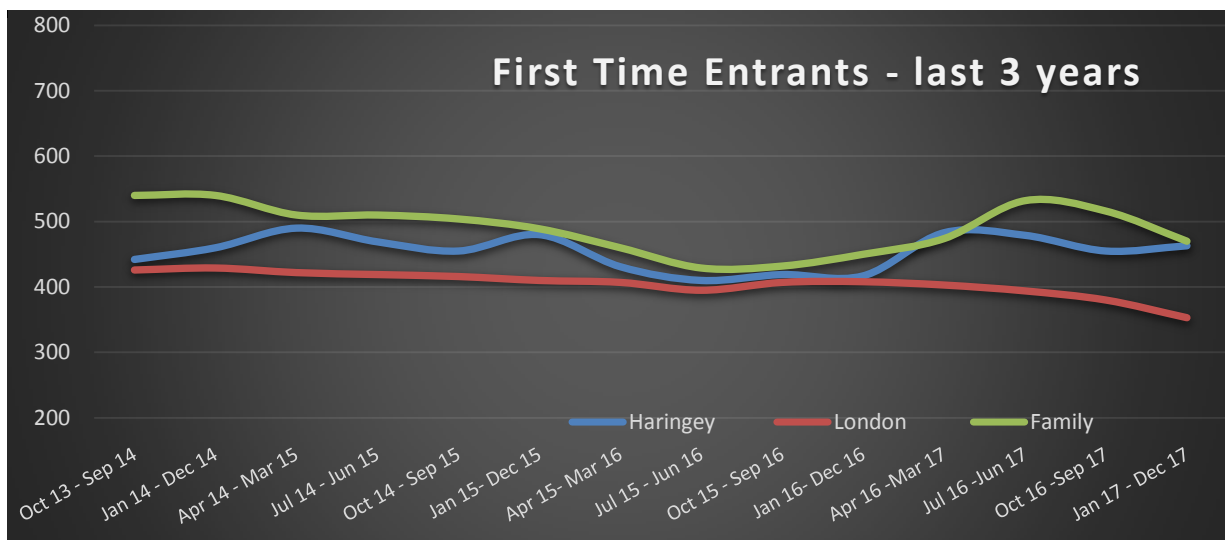
5.1 Outcome Measures

5.2 The Youth Justice Service is subject to three Key Performance Indicators by the Youth Justice Board;

- Reduce the number of first time entrants
- Reduce the use of Custody (as a sentence)
- Reduce the rate of Reoffending

5.3 *Performance 2018 Quarter 1.*

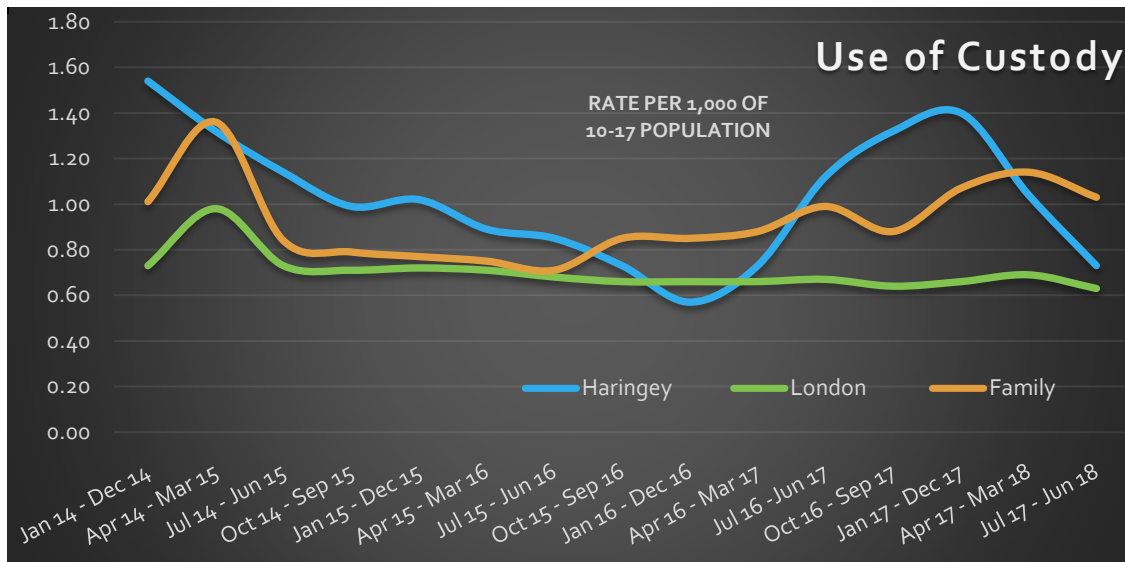
5.4 Reduce the number of first time entrants.



5.5 There were 115 first time entrants in the last year compared to 105 in the previous year and 111 during 15/16. This represents an increase of 10% on last year and an increase of 3% since 15/16.

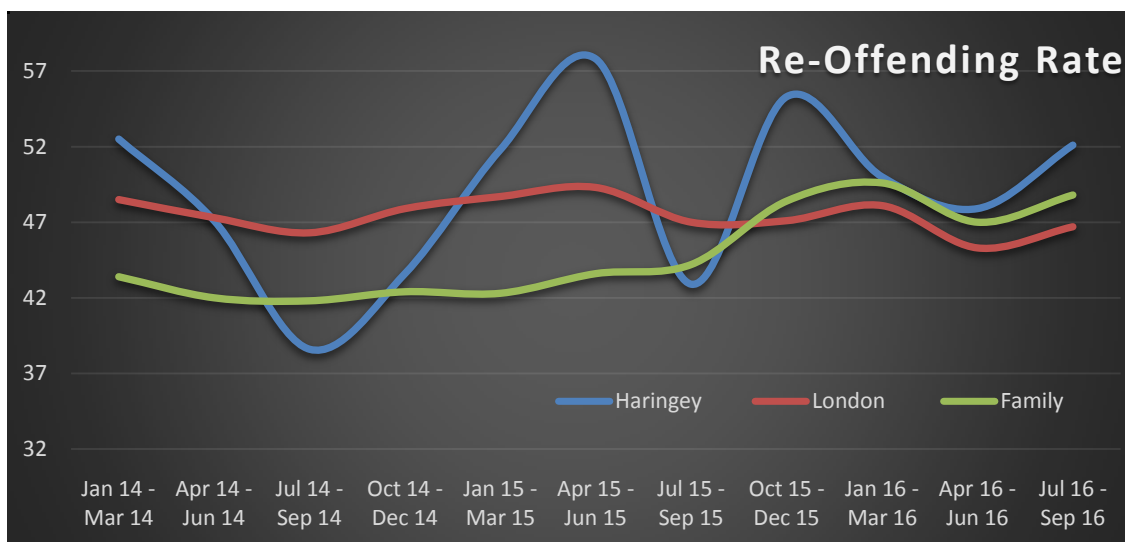
5.6 This pattern is similar across London and Nationwide. Youth offending is reducing albeit not at the same rate for violence and drug related crime, this can be detected in the reoffending rates of young people already in the youth justice system who are committing more offences of a more serious nature, reflecting the complexity of their life histories.

5.7 Reduce the use of custody



5.8 There were 18 custodial sentences in the last year compared to 28 in the previous year and 28 three years ago. This represents a reduction of 55% on the previous year. As can be seen from the above chart Haringey has improved performance significantly since 2014 and is now performing better than the 'family' average and slightly behind the London average. This performance area is always likely to spike when a serious 'multi-handed' offence takes place and several young people receive a custodial sentence at a similar time.

5.9 Reduce Rate of Re-offending



5.10 The latest rate is 52.1% of young people re-offending after 1 year. This is an increase of 21% from the previous year and decrease of 1% since 2014 cohort. This measure is subject to high levels of fluctuation on the basis of the individuals captured within the cohort. The reoffending rate does appear to reflect the complexity of the lives of the young people that the service works with on Court orders and this is reflected in the number and nature of offences committed by individuals.

6. Annual Youth Justice Plan

There is a requirement that each local authority produces an annual Youth Justice Plan setting out achievements and plans for the future delivery of the service. (Appendix 1).

6.1 The 2018-19 plans and priorities include:

- Continued focus on reducing disproportionality amongst BAME young people
- Working with partners across the system to reduce levels of serious youth violence and knife crime
- A focus across the partnership on early intervention and prevention to reduce offending and reoffending by young people
- Focus on work with victims and restorative justice approaches across the partnership

6.2 Service Achievements

- The Introduction and delivery of a new induction and intervention process for young people subject to Triage and Out of Court Disposals in order to enable less complex cases to be dealt with more appropriately. This has led to an improvement in reoffending rates for those subject to triage (12.8% from 20% in the previous year) and Cautions with conditions (22% from 61%). The overall reoffending rate for those receiving a YJS intervention as part of the out of court disposal process is 15% across a total of 165 young people
- Participation in HARINGEY Joint Area Targeted Inspection in relation to Neglect that highlighted areas of good practice developed within the YJS.
- Delivery of a successful range of reparation projects in the borough bringing added value to court orders and giving back to the community
- Actively working alongside the SEND team to ensure that all relevant young people have an up to date EHCP and monitoring of the ETE rate for young people on the active caseload. The latest figures demonstrate that 90% of school age young people are in appropriate education provision with 69% of young people above the school leaving age in appropriate ETE.

6.3 Challenges

- The young people that Haringey YJS works with continue to present an ever increasing level of complexity in terms of the lives that they live

and the histories that lead them there. The issue of youth violence and a partnership approach to address issue early on in the lives of young people from an all family approach.

- The partnerships work via the Community Safety partnership Knife Crime and Serious Youth Violence Plan will enable a clear plan across all partnerships in relation to addressing the issues involved from enforcement to providing support to victims and working with those at risk.
- County lines drug supply involving young people, organised by gangs in Haringey, means that the YJS and partners need to be thorough in assessment and intervention to ensure that the vulnerable can be safeguarded whilst not colluding with those actively seeking out opportunities to offend and exploit others.
- Resourcing challenges across the partnership are impacting upon us, for example Probation officer secondee. The service has renewed commitment with provision of School nursing resource equipped to deliver sexual health training to staff and young people. Discussions with Young People's Commissioner has influenced agreement to increase existing levels of resource for mental health provision in the service is welcomes and will enable an improved service response in relation to young peoples mental health needs.

7. Service Developments

- The service contributed a Police led, and multi-agency initiative in Haringey which sought to identify vulnerable people (children and vulnerable adults) at risk of criminal exploitation. Its potential be targeting those responsible for exploitation and potential for bringing about prosecutions. The project has been successful in diverting children from exploitation, and reducing their risk of harm from vulnerabilities. The Vulnerability Assessment Tracker tool that documents and grades the vulnerability and risks exploitation of identified children and adults, is being rolled out across London with a vision to be rolled out nationally.
- Through the London Crime Prevention Fund, MOPAC is supporting the Rescue & Response partnership with investment over 3 years to deliver a comprehensive programme of work to better understand, target and respond to County Lines. The programme is a pan London initiative that Haringey is partnered with, and a welcome additional intervention available for YJS provision.

8. HMIP Inspection of Youth Offending Teams

8.1 YOT Inspections are undertaken by HMI Probation. Their focus is not just on the service but on how the youth justice partnership works together to provide services to meet the needs of Haringey young people.

8.2 From June 2018 a new Inspection framework and methodology is in use.

The core focus of the Inspection are:

- Domain 1: Organisational delivery Including Governance and Leadership
- Domain 2: Courts - case work
- Domain 3: Out of Court Disposals – case work and partner work with Police, Children’s social care and health

8.3 Statutory requirements for partners to cooperate, at both a strategic and operational level, are important for the delivery of effective youth justice services.

8.4 New key parts of this Inspection focus on how the partnership works at strategic level through the Haringey Youth Justice Board and at operational levels. This includes the statutory partners - LA, Police, Health and Probation and other partners who have a key interest. Partners will be directly involved in the Inspection process in new ways. Details of the new guidance for inspection arrangements and partner’s involvement can be found at <https://www.justiceinspectorates/gov.uk>.

8.5 Haringey’s Youth Justice Partnership Board is working with partners in preparation for inspection readiness, and participation in future inspection of the Youth Justice Service.