
Members' Bulletin

Latest Update from
the Association of
Youth Offending Team Managers Ltd

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New Chair of the YJB Announced



In case anyone has missed it, Liz Truss, Secretary of State for Justice has announced the successor to Lord McNally as Charlie Taylor. We look forward to working with him in the future.



See

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/youth-justice-update>

Lord McNally has been a positive supporter of the YJS, of YOTs and AYM too. He has promoted our work extremely well over the past three years, and we wish him well. He will be greatly missed.



AYM & MOJ Response to Charlie Taylor Review

The AYM Executive has drawn together a series of position statements on the government response to the Charlie Taylor review, which was published at https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/576553/youth-justice-review-government-response.pdf

our position

The response contains many 'we will' commitments by government, and so we have prepared our position on each of them for use with the YJB and MOJ. We expect to be actively engaging with them to ensure improvements and to keep the needs of young people to the fore.

AYM previously provided a written response, which can be found at <http://aym.org.uk/2016/12/12/response-report-government-response-national-review-youth-justice-undertaken-charlie-taylor/>

ILM7 Certificate in Leadership and Management for Senior YOT Managers



The Executive has decided to run our first course for YOT Managers. We feel there is a gap in training available to support colleagues in the strategic leadership of multi-agency youth justice services. Participants will gain in an ILM7 Certificate on successful completion of the full programme.



The first ILM7 course is scheduled to start in late March, and we still have a few places available. It is being delivered by Andrew Odgers (below) of Solace. Full details have been circulated to members, which are also available from jon.obyrne@aym.org.uk



AGM

Please put the date of your AGM in your diary/calendar. It is being held in Rugby on **Tuesday 6th June 2017**. The morning will be a conference with some high-profile speakers, while the afternoon will be the AGM. There is a free lunch provided.

All are welcome, so come along and see how your Association is working for your benefit. Further details will follow in the next Bulletin.



Youth Custody Improvement Board – Stop Press

The YCIB has reported back to government about the secure estate. See https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/594448/findings-and-recommendations-of-the-ycib.pdf for the report and findings.

We will all be aware of the announcement of the Secretary of State for Justice to create a Youth Custody Service within NOMS. For details see <http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2017-02-24/HCWS502/>

SEND Project Update

Securing better outcomes for young people with SEND in the YJS

The project has now completed a round of 11 regional workshops, talking with staff from YOTs, the secure estate and local authority SEND specialists. We're really pleased with the representation from colleagues as right.

There was a 99% rating for the events as 'good' or 'excellent', which reflects the high quality of the sessions. The scores were:

Poor	0%
Satisfactory	1%
Good	29%
Excellent	69%

Around 20 YOTs were unable to access one of the workshops, and so, with the project now having secured funding for a second year, we have been able to arrange **one further event in Birmingham** City Centre on 12 April. The booking system is open via

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/youth-justice-send-workshop-tickets-27752345011> .

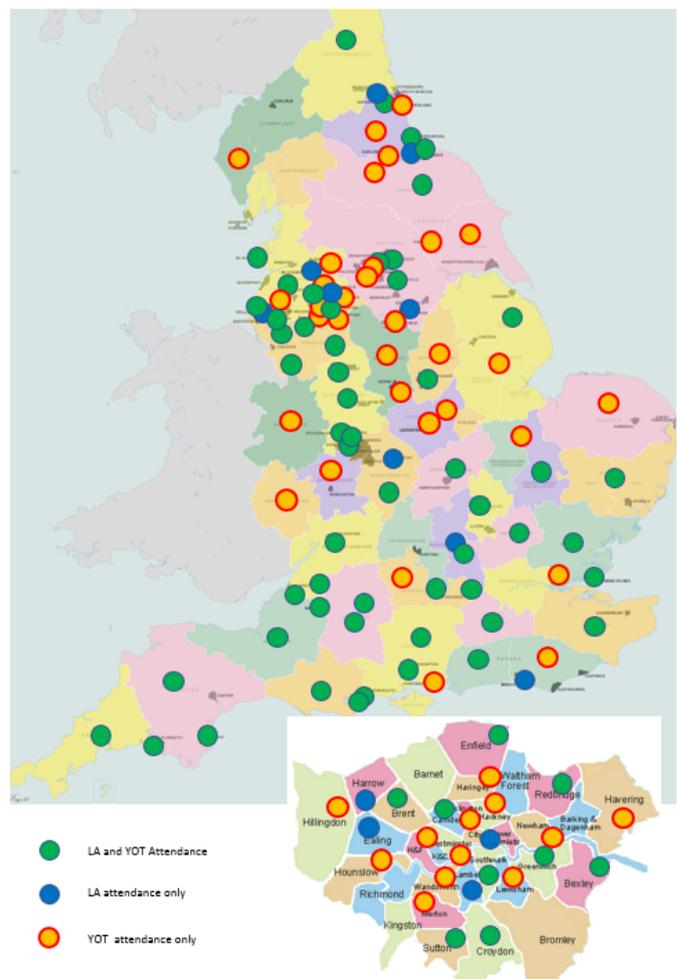
These events seem to bring greatest benefit when YOT staff and local authority SEND specialists attend together.

On 1st March, the project team will be presenting the findings from the workshops, the on-line survey of YOTs and the interviews with young people to a meeting of the YJB's Board. This is part of our consultation on priorities for the second year of the project. Also in March, Leeds and the Youth Justice Service in Cheshire (with staff from their four local authorities) will be testing out a process supporting peer-led improvement of services for young people with SEND. We wish them well and look forward to learning how this might be rolled out in the coming year.

To register to receive the project's newsletter, the link is <http://afaeducation.us6.list-manage2.com/subscribe?u=86ed797fe5240bb8ea0fa4fa3&id=b7fc57442f>

For further information contact our Projects Officer at phil.sutton@aym.org.uk

Attendance and Participation at Youth Justice SEND Workshops
October 2016-February 2017



Youth Offending Focus at CBIT Annual Conference

The Child Brain Injury Trust Annual Conference is looking at the impact of acquired brain injury in young people on one of the most important elements of young offenders' support networks – their own family.



The theme is *“It’s a family affair”* and has brought together a wide array of professional speakers, as well as parents talking about their experiences, and a brave sibling who will explain how he has coped growing up with two siblings affected by ABI.

It is being held in Wolverhampton on 29th March. For more details see

<http://hosted.verticalresponse.com/1906317/3a933492e0/546862205/7cfaa7aa04/>

Update on Solace-AYM course

The two modules of the Aspiring Future Leaders course have been completed and the feedback from participants has been very positive.

For example, when asked what they would do differently the responses included “have more confidence in my abilities” and “concentrate on aspects I identified as my weaknesses”.



In the first module Shelley Nicolls was guest speaker (Exec and Nottingham City), who shared her wealth of experience about what to expect in role as a YOT Manager. The guest speaker for the second module was Colin Allars, who spoke about the YJB, as well as his career path and learning along the way.

Both speakers were very well received and left participants with lots to think about.

We pass on our grateful thanks to both Colin and Shelley for their support and commitment to developing managers in Youth Justice.



Prison and Probation Ombudsman Report

The Ombudsman has just published a 'complaints from young people in custody bulletin'. This highlights the difficulties young people have in making complaints. Given the revelations at our STCs last year, this is timely and relevant, and worth our attention. Essentially, more advocacy is needed to ensure young people receive fair treatment.



Nigel Newcomen, the Ombudsman said: "My office receives a disproportionately small number of complaints from those aged under 21. Despite their small number, complaints from young people include some serious allegations about their treatment. As a result, these investigations have identified some important lessons which, if implemented, could ensure safer and fairer treatment, and the appropriate tailoring of some adult custodial procedures so that they are more suitable for young people."

For the full report see <http://www.ppo.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Complaints-from-young-people-in-custody-news-release.pdf#view=FitH>

Ever Fancied being a TV Advisor?

Remedy Productions is developing a new series where a group of young people who are on the path towards criminality, are taken to Tasmania to experience the life of a 19th Century convict. It will be a series that's not only rich in historical content, but also hopefully genuinely life changing for the young people involved, and would also raise discussion about today's penal system and rehabilitation methods.



They have approached AYM as they are looking for professionals within the world of Youth Offending who would be interested in advising on the series. Maybe someone who is intrigued by the concept and might like to be involved in some way, either on screen or off. Should you like to find out

more about the project, please contact Olivia Simove at oliviasimove@remedyproductions.tv for a no-obligation chat.



Remedy Productions has produced programmes for all the major British TV networks, producing shows such as *Fifteen to One*. See <http://remedyproductions.tv>

Vacancy

The Head of Youth Offending Service for Hampshire and Isle of Wight, has recently been advertised. If you are interested please see the advert at one of the following links. The closing date is 7th March.

* Guardian On-line - <https://jobs.theguardian.com/job/6473303/head-of-youth-offending-service-for-hampshire-and-isle-of-wight-/?LinkSource=PremiumListing>

* NewJobs – [HCC2470211](https://www.newjobs.co.uk/job/HCC2470211)

* This role is a featured job at NewJobs - <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/newjob>

Free Online Course on Autism, Asperger's and ADHD



The University of Derby has launched a short course for people to learn more about autism, Asperger's and ADHD, their differences and the importance of understanding classification, assessment and diagnosis.



For more information see

http://www.derby.ac.uk/online/mooc/understanding-autism-aspergers-adhd?utm_source=UDOL_AAAMOOCChil&YounPNow_profile_on_another_website_June_16&utm_medium=profile_on_another_website&utm_content=&utm_campaign=UDOL_AAAMOOCChil&YounPNow_June_16

Free Online Course on Public Sector Leadership



This free course is available from Future Learn, which is part of the Open University. Participants will learn more about leadership in the context of public service provision, by public sector organisations, community and voluntary groups, and political bodies. There is a charge for a certificate on completion, although participation is free.



For more details see <http://www.open.edu/openlearn/money-business/introduction-public-leadership/content-section-overview>

Recent Court Rulings to note

The YJLC has reported on two recent cases, where the Court of Appeal has highlighted the special considerations when sentencing children.



Their case summaries and commentaries will be of interest to all YJ court practitioners and managers. For full details see ([R v H \[2016\]](#)) [here](#) and ([R v G \[2017\]](#)) [here](#)

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Then follow us on Twitter and check our website regularly.



We have over 1,800 followers on Twitter who receive frequent updates on issues relating to Youth Justice and YOT Managers. It's easy to sign up. Our username is [@AssnYOTmanagers](#)



The most important issues are also flagged up on the front page of our website. See 'latest news' section at <http://aym.org.uk>

Restorative Justice Training Award

Congratulations to Norfolk YOT, who have been awarded the RJC Training Provider Quality Mark. For more details see



<https://www.restorativejustice.org.uk/news/norfolk-children's-services-awarded-tpqm>

Research Project

Stacey Barbet is a student at Anglia Ruskin University undertaking research into links between education in STCs and YOIs and reoffending rates. She theorises that young people in custody have experienced an educational system which has failed to engage them, and so is looking to suggest future changes or to research areas.

She asks for YOT staff with experience of STCs and YOIs to complete a short survey, which can be found at <https://goo.gl/forms/KALvJoZPIRvBI7Xh1> or email Stacey at stacey.barbet@student.anglia.ac.uk

The survey closes on 10th March.

Some links in case you missed them...



SCYJ briefing on Rehabilitation of Offenders (amendment) Bill 2016/17

http://scyj.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/SCYJ-briefing-ROA-%5E0-Criminal-Records-PMB-Jan-2017-1.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=SCYJ%20Monthly%20Bulletin%20January%202017&utm_content=SCYJ%20Monthly%20Bulletin%20January%202017+CID_aa1472b93ff466b278050985680210f7&utm_source=HTML%20Email&utm_term=SCYJ%20on%20the%20issue

The complexities and challenges in conducting research with children and young people in custody

<https://www.restorativeforum.org.uk/forum/national-forum-for-restorative-justice/academic-research/3699-phd-blog---complexities-and-challenges-in-research-with-children-and-young%20people-by-claire-paterson-young>

Enhanced Case Management focus on trauma in Welsh YOTs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FLv66cX0XY>

PCC Plans reviewed nationally

<https://social.shorthand.com/CrestAdvisory/nyFLlylKdT/pccs-whats-the-plan>

National Strategy for Police Custody, National Police Chiefs Council

<http://www.npcc.police.uk/documents/NPCC%20Custody%20Strategy.pdf>

Law Commission: summary of criminal records disclosure of non-filterable offences

http://www.lawcom.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/lc371_criminal_records_disclosure_summary.pdf

NOMS replaced by HMPPS

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/justice-secretary-launches-new-prison-and-probation-service-to-reform-offenders>

NAO easy read report on children in need of help or protection

<https://www.nao.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Children-in-need-of-help-or-protection-Easy-read.pdf>

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