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ANNUAL REPORT: INSPECTION OF YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICES (2018-2019)



August 2018 to September 2019

We published **26** inspections of youth offending services:

- 20 single inspections
- 6 joint inspections

1,297 cases reviewed

1,070 case managers interviewed



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Organisational delivery

- 1.1 Governance and leadership
- 1.2 Staff
- 1.3 Partnerships and services
- 1.4 Information and facilities

Court disposals





- 2.1 Assessment
- 2.2 Planning
- 2.3 Implementation and delivery
- 2.4 Reviewing

Out of court disposals

- 3.1 Assessment
- 3.2 Planning
- 3.3 Implementation and delivery
- 3.4 Joint working



Overall ratings

 'Outstanding'	3 services
 'Good'	12 services
 'Requires improvement'	8 services
 'Inadequate'	3 services



Strengths

- ⊕ Leadership and staff
- ⊕ Manageable caseloads
- ⊕ Good range of services

Areas for improvement

- ⊖ Lack of education and training provision
- ⊖ Resettlement from YOIs



Summary

- Children and young people released from YOIs are getting too little support in the community and are being 'set up to fail'.
- 50 children and young people released from all five YOIs interviewed in custody and followed for first three months back in the community.

Poor planning and lack of support services:

- 37 children needed help from children's social care services but only six received it
- less than half (44 per cent) of children with substance misuse problems got the specialist support they needed after release
- Only 11 went into education or training immediately on release



Youth resettlement

Particular issues around accommodation

- Some young people only find out their new address on the eve or day of release
- Accommodation can be miles away from family and where they might not know anybody
- We want to see the government creating a national network of community-based accommodation and better coordination between staff in custody and in the community.

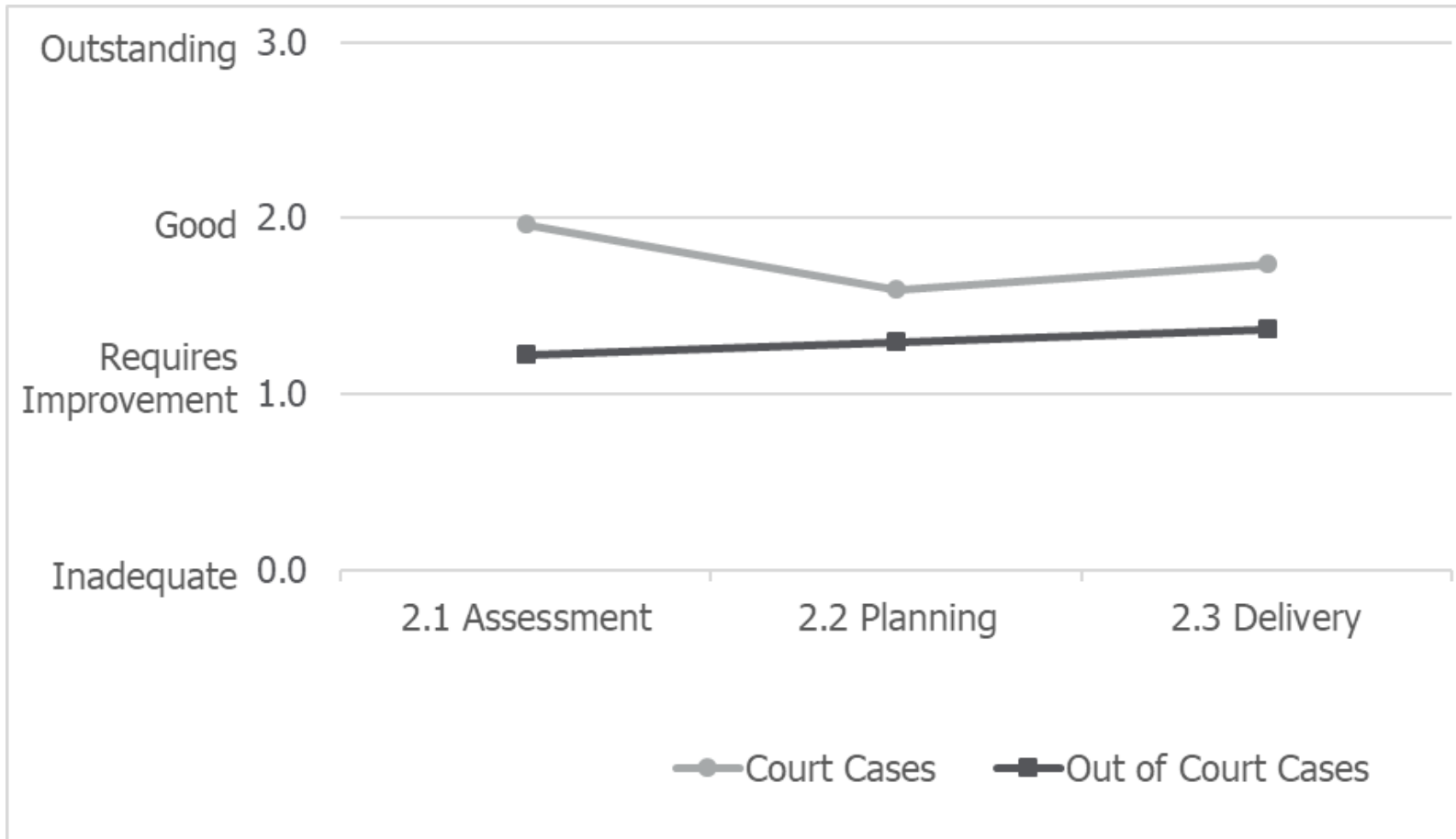
Poor criminal justice outcomes

Within three months:

- three had been recalled to custody and 10 convicted of a further offence
- 25 were subject to 'released under police investigation'
- six were missing.



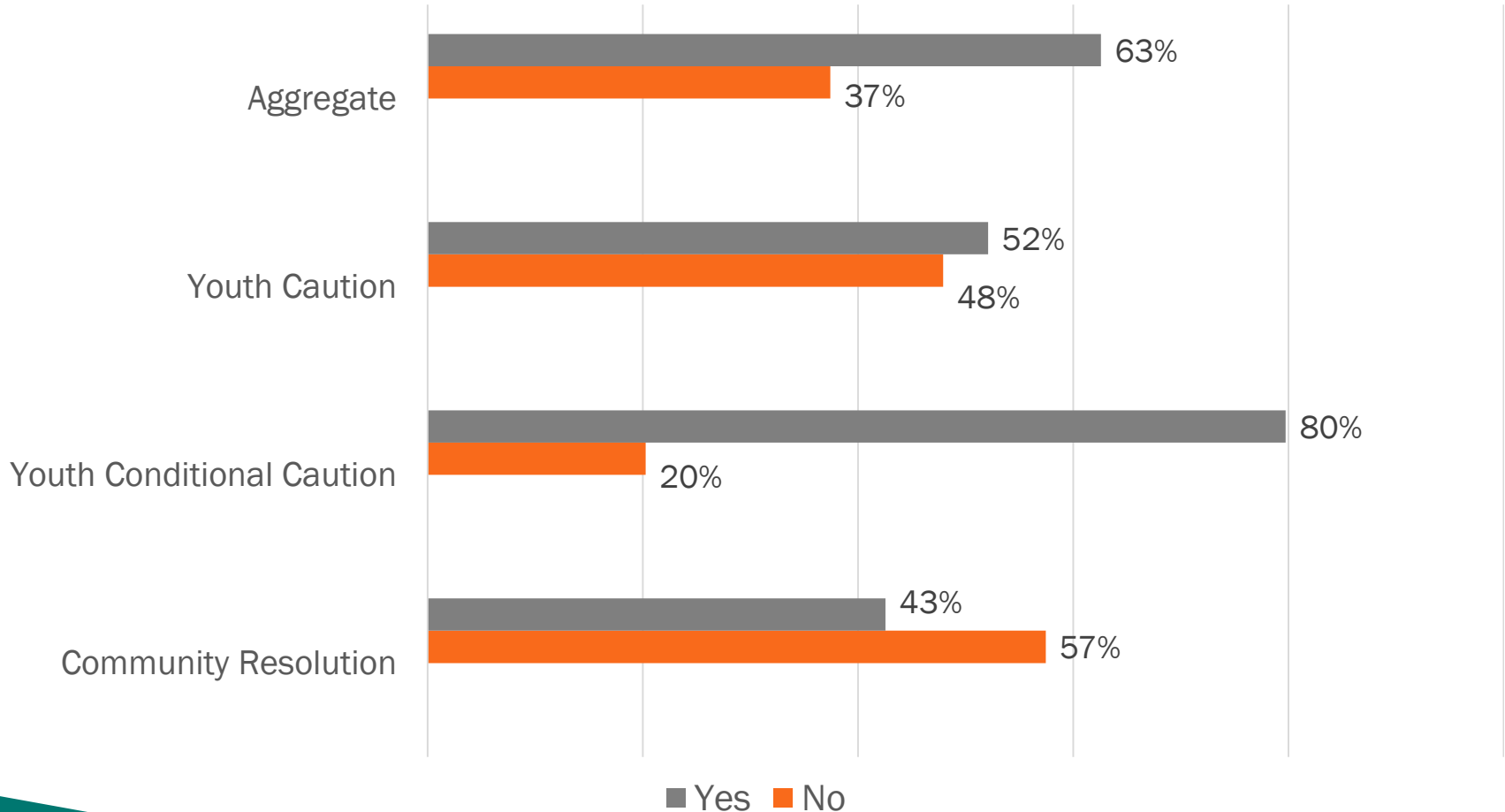
MEAN SCORES FOR COURT AND OUT OF COURT DISPOSALS





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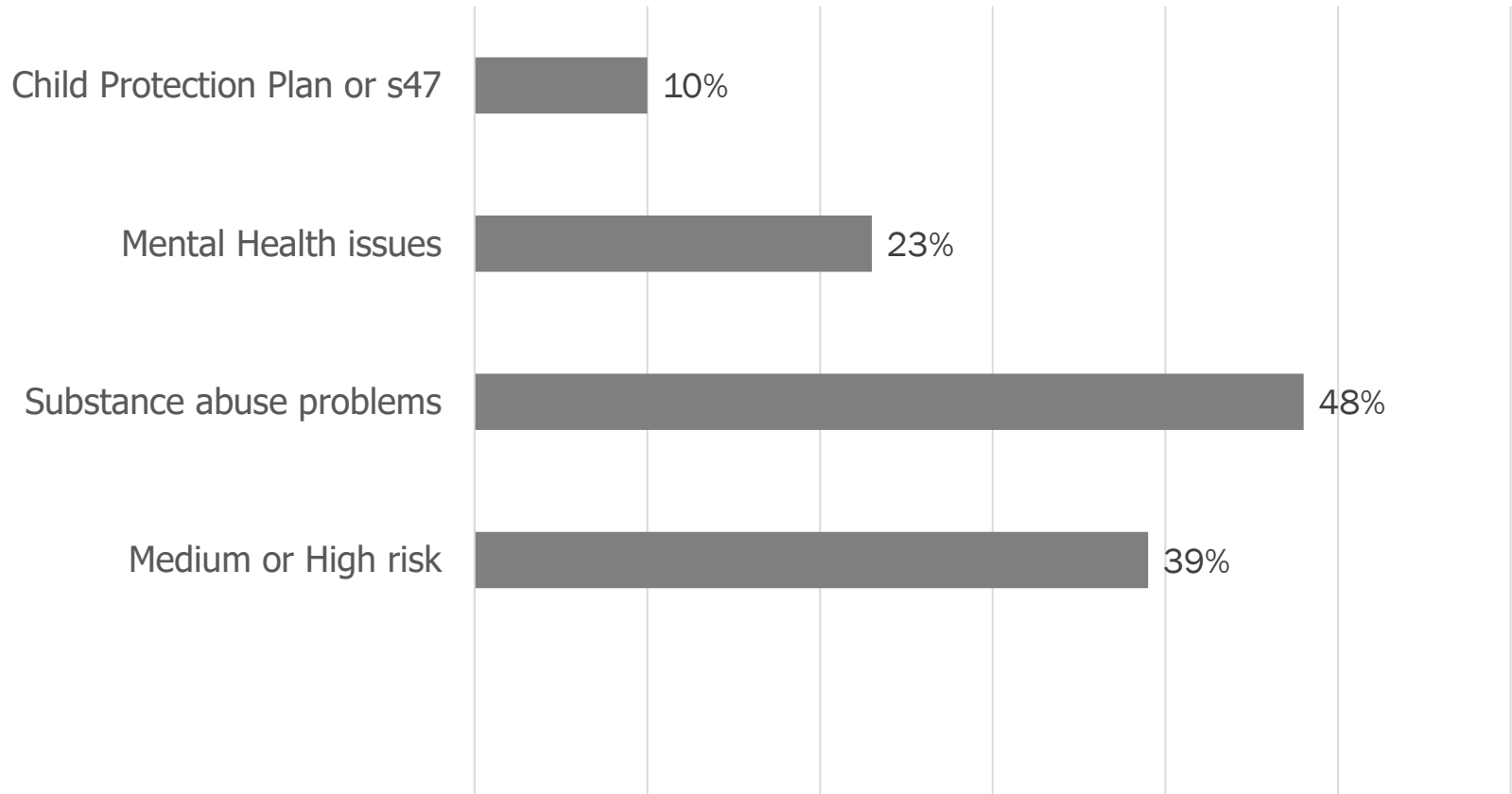
Does planning focus sufficiently on keeping people safe?





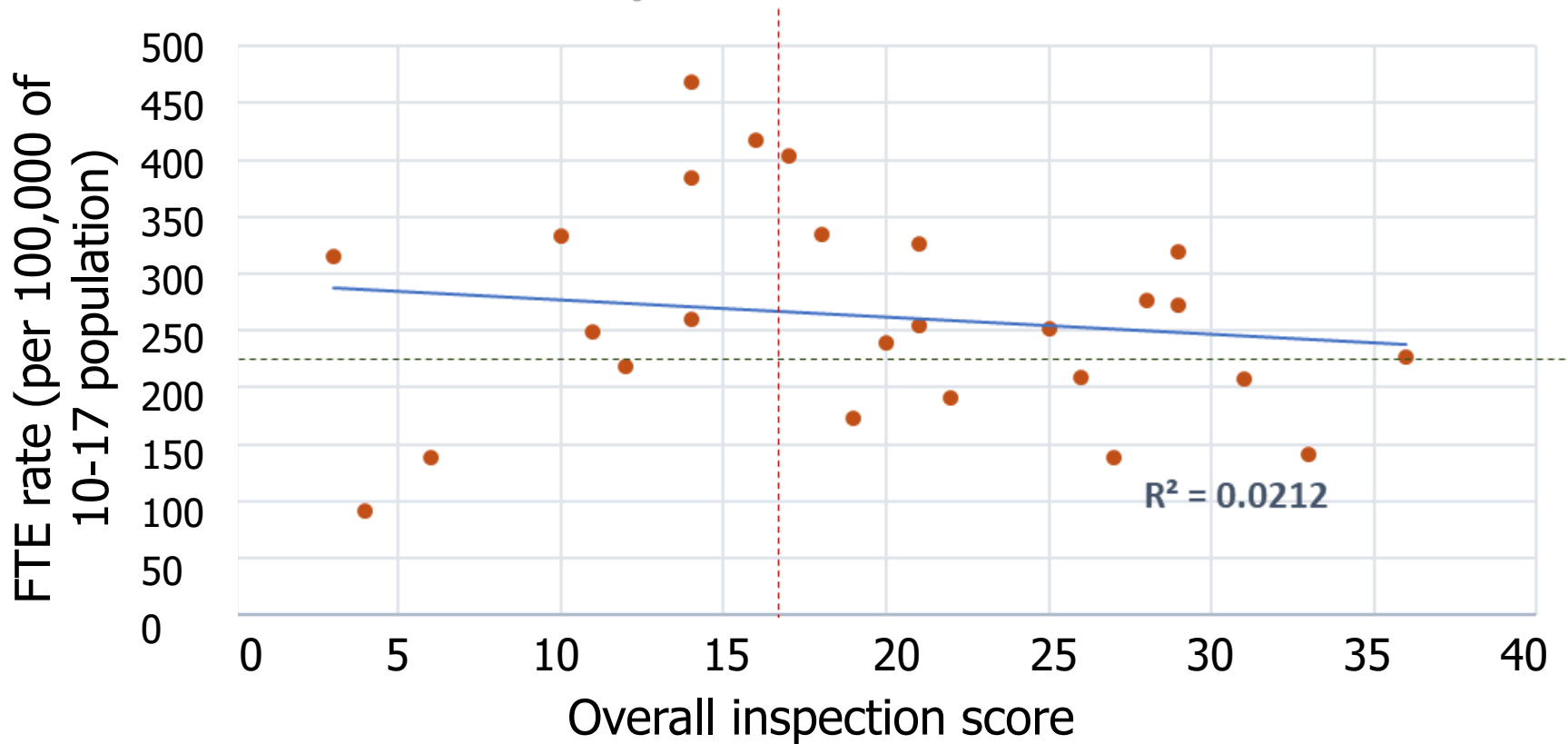
COMMUNITY RESOLUTION CASES AREN'T ALL LOW RISK OR LOW NEED FOR SUPPORT

Community Resolution Cases



NO CORRELATION BETWEEN INSPECTION SCORES AND FTE RATE – DO WE NEED A WIDER BASKET OF KEY INDICATORS?

Overall inspection score vs FTE rate





SHOULD YOTS EXTEND THEIR AGE RANGE?

- Cliff edge in intensity if supervision and support once young people reach 18 and move to adult probation
- Much bigger caseloads and lower frequency of contact
- Loss of access to embedded CAMHS staff and other specialist workers such as speech and language and ETE.



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Questions

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