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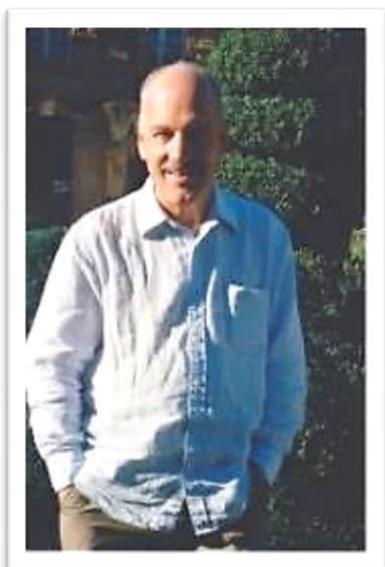
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AYM John Hawkins' Award

For Innovation and Creativity in Youth Justice



John Hawkins was Head of East Sussex YOT and treasurer of the AYM, until his untimely death in 2011.

The AYM John Hawkins' Award is presented annually to a youth offending service for innovation and creativity in youth justice practice. **The winning project will receive £500.**

The award was established in his memory with agreement from John's family who take a keen interest in those projects both nominated and successful.

Last Chance to Submit Nominations

Does your youth offending service have a project which you think is innovative, creative, and provides real benefits to children you work with?

The John Hawkins' Award will be judged by young people from last year's winners (Prospects in Gloucestershire) so entries should be no more than 500 words and young person friendly!



The presentation of this award at the Youth Justice Convention has become an annual event, so there is an opportunity for you to showcase your work and inspire others.

To make a nomination contact our secretary Ian Langley at:
ian.langley@hants.gov.uk

Closing date for entries is Friday 15th November.

Thoughts on the Loss of a Colleague

Ian Langley, AYM Secretary Shares a Memory

Many of you will have read in the October YJB Bulletin of the sad passing of Jamie Clynch on the 7th October 2019.

Many YOT managers remember Jamie as a result of his roles with Devon YOT, with the YJB as Head of Region for the South West and for a time of the West Midlands Region as well.

Our Secretary shares a story about how Jamie and Devon YOT staff had a laugh at his expense.....

Ian says....

Prior to my appointment as Head of Wiltshire YOT in 2004 Jamie had been kindly 'loaned' by Devon YOT to Wiltshire as a part time interim manager and was a great help and support to me as a new YOT Manager.

Those who knew Jamie will know he had a great sense of humour and there is a funny story I can tell about him which might begin to put a smile back on your faces after hearing of his loss.

Some may have heard that when I was interviewed for the Wiltshire YOT job a light fitting fell on my head which required hospital treatment and stitches (it's a long story in itself but I'll leave it there). Anyway, I was re-interviewed a few days later and got the job!

Several weeks later I arranged to see Jamie at Devon YOT's Newton Abbot office for a handover before I started in Wiltshire.

I thought it was a bit odd on arrival to find a receptionist with a crash helmet on. I was then greeted by YOT staff with bandages wrapped around their heads and admin staff very keen to point out the 'mind your head' signs all over the place before I twigged I'd been set up by Jamie.

Classic scouse humour from Jamie and he will be greatly missed in the youth justice/YOT community.

The AYM would like to send our thoughts to Jamie's family at this sad time.

Autumn Conference in Derby

This Autumn's Conference was held in partnership with Unitas and delegates heard presentations on a wide range of youth justice topics.

Professor Phil Hodgson commenced introducing the new Youth Justice Institute with Sally Brown talking about the Learning Hub with accredited Youth Justice Effective Practice modules. Membership of the Youth Justice Institute is open to individuals and organisations and is free. [Click here](#) for more information.



Criminal Justice Innovation's Vicki Morris and Claire Ely feedback on the result of the mapping of diversion in youth justice.

Anne-Marie Day of the University of Bedfordshire gave a powerful presentation on the findings of her recent research into looked after children and their experience of custody, stressing the importance of the relationship between a YOT worker and the young person.

Rev. Steve Chalke, Founder of Oasis which has been commissioned to deliver the first secure school advised it will be called Oasis Restore but will not be open until 2021. Talking of the delay, Steve said "the problem with the Medway site is that it is a prison and they want to make it a school and a home that you can relax in".



Justin Russell HM Chief Inspector of Probation highlighted the strengths and areas of improvements based on 26 published inspections so far. However, he also said the quality of support given to young people leaving custody was shameful.

We hope those who attended enjoyed the day. For those unable to attend more information on the presentations can be found on the [AYM website](#).

Feedback from the event will be used to support the planning of the Spring Conference, thank you to those who took the time to provide your thoughts on the event.

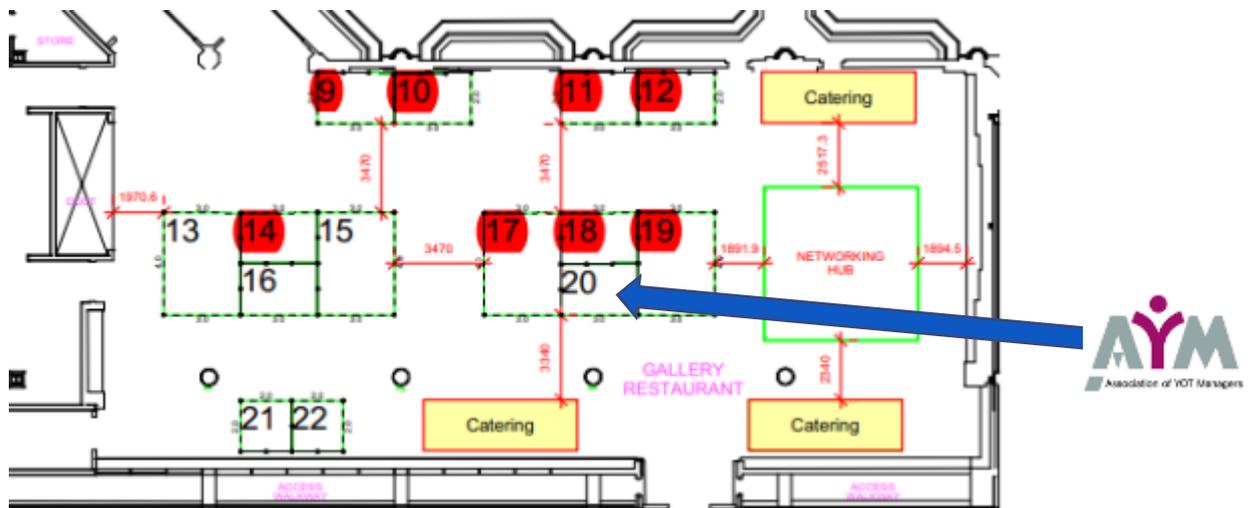
Meet the AYM at the Youth Justice Convention 3rd and 4th December.

The AYM will have a stand at the Youth Justice Convention again this year and would be pleased to see you drop by and tell us how you think we can support you in your work.

At the stand you will meet with AYM Board members and learn more about the AYM, the SEND Quality Awards, ILM training for managers in YOTs.

This year the Youth Sector Led Improvement Programme will be on the stand to talk of their work too!

You can find us at Stand 20



If you have any issues you wish the AYM to consider, please come and talk to us or contact your regional representative.

ILM training for managers in YOTs training.



We are currently recruiting for the ILM 7 course for YOT Managers which commences in the spring. We have a few spaces left on this course which is the only YOT Manager specific course available.



For further information, or to book a place on the course, please contact ann.wood@aym.org.uk

Or visit Stand 20 and hear from those who have undertaken the ILM courses.

Scoping Youth Offending Services Diversionary Work

This scoping exercise is being undertaken jointly by the AYM, YJB and the National Probation Service.

The survey seeks to understand the nature and extent of preventative and diversionary work commissioned/undertaken by YOTs.

A blue speech bubble button with the text "Take Our Survey" in white. The bubble has a tail pointing towards the bottom right.

In the first instance this may potentially influence the National Probation Service's considerations in the allocation of staff to YOTs. However, it is anticipated the results could inform wider considerations.

To access the survey please [click here](#)

Please base the activities/figures on 18/19 financial year.

Practice in Need Evidence: Call for Applications

Multi-Agency Working with Children's Social Care

'What Works for Children's Social Care' is an organisation which looks to provide best available evidence to support practitioners and leaders in order to achieve better outcomes for children, young people and families.



The Practice In Need of Evidence (PINE) programme, has been extended to examine multi-agency partnerships working to improve outcomes in children's social care.

The basis of the project is the understanding that children are best safeguarded when professionals work together closely and effectively, and that, as with many aspects of child safeguarding, there is a lack of evidence about the most effective ways of multi-agency working.

Michael Sanders, Executive Director of What Works for Children's Social Care, said:

"We know that agencies need to work together effectively and seamlessly to safeguard children at risk, however, we are less sure about the best ways of going about this. We are, therefore, delighted to be extending our existing Practice In Need of Evidence programme to grow the evidence base around multi-agency working. Great, collaborative work is happening all over the country and we want to help our partners to evaluate it so it can be shared more widely and help more children and families, nationwide."

As multi-agency partnerships, youth offending services may be best placed to provide information and examples to this programme.

[Click here](#) for more information and to apply. **Deadline - 5pm 29th November.**

Youth Endowment Fund



Grants Awarded

The Home Office established the Youth Endowment Fund with £200 million and commissioned Impetus, in partnership with the Early Intervention Foundation and Social Investment Business to deliver programmes to prevent youth offending.



In the first grant round it has been announced, *“22 projects across England and Wales will share in £16.2m to help prevent youth offending by intervening early to stop children getting dragged into crime.”*

The Youth Endowment Fund is dedicated to build the evidence base to determine what works and support improved outcomes for children and young people.

The first grantees include organisations adapting well established programmes with good evidence from other parts of the world, as well as newer community projects testing more innovative approaches. Each project will be evaluated to build and share knowledge of the types of interventions which are most effective at preventing young people from being drawn in to crime and violence.

The fund reports that 30,000 young people between the ages of 10-14 will directly benefit from ground-breaking interventions, ranging from intensive family therapy to street-based and school mentoring programmes.

Further grant rounds are to be announced in the coming months.

Sir Kevan Collins, Chair of the Youth Endowment Fund said:

“The safety and wellbeing of young people is our first priority. Our first round of grants is the start of a 10 year programme of work designed to build a better understanding of what works to prevent young people being drawn into crime and violence.”

Andy Ratcliffe from the Youth Endowment Fund said:

“Young people being drawn in to violent crime is an issue of huge concern for communities right across the country. The Youth Endowment Fund is a serious long-term commitment to tackling this problem. We’ll fund, support and evaluate front line interventions to start making a difference now, while building a knowledge base of what works, what doesn’t and where we need to focus our resources.”

For more information about the Youth Endowment Fund click [here](#)

Mental Health: Fairness in the Criminal Justice System

Howard League: Parmoor Lecture



The lecture, an annual Howard League event held in memory of Lord Parmoor, a staunch support of the Howard League in his lifetime, was this year given by Max Hill, QC, Director of Public Prosecutions and Head of the Crown Prosecution Service since 1st November 2018.

The lecture was titled '**Are defendants with mental health conditions treated fairly by the criminal justice system?**' and in it Hill recognized that one in four adults and one in 10 children experience mental illness, and that research by CPS in 2017:

“suggests that almost one in five of our cases involved a victim, witness or defendant with a mental health condition; and, it is estimated that 76% of female and 40% of male remand prisoners have a common mental health condition, as do 29% of those serving community sentences.”

He then went on to consider how well the criminal justice system is equipped to deal with those with mental ill health. Noting the recent consultation on the new legal guidance for prosecutors, which he said *“is intended to be clear, practical guidance that will assist prosecutors to manage these cases fairly and effectively.”*

However, with regard to children in youth court, Hill said that he held some concerns regarding fitness to plead, saying

*“I’m going to discuss the Crown Court here - because strictly speaking fitness to plead only applies there. The position in the magistrates’ and youth court is less clear - that in itself is an issue. I think a serious issue - **given the gravity of some of the offending which is actually tried in our 21st century youth courts there should be a procedure to better address fitness to plead in these courts.**”*

The full transcript of this year’s Parmoor Lecture can be found by clicking [here](#)

Prevention in Focus

Association of Police and Crime Commissioners Report



The Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC) has published a report 'PCCs Making a Difference: Prevention in Focus', which states PCCs are taking a 'whole system approach' in addressing the root causes of crime, helping to support children and young people to move away from the risk factors that can lead to crime or victimisation.



The report states, PCCs are leading local partnerships to help deliver transformation and change in their communities in prevention initiatives funded by the Government, including Violence Reduction Units, tackling the causes of serious violence crime, and preventing young people from being drawn into crime, and reducing the number of victims; the Safer Streets Fund, aimed at preventing acquisitive crime in disproportionately affected areas; and the Youth Endowment Fund, with its focus on early intervention to tackle youth offending.

The report shows how 15 cross-party PCCs are *“making a real difference, via their leadership, commissioning and partnership work, to help prevent crime and keep communities safe and resilient.”*

Describing the 15 initiatives across England and Wales, the report shows a wide range of work being undertaken with Safer Schools partnerships, communities and with individuals and groups. Projects include gender specific interventions, those addressing adverse childhood experiences and those working with young victims.

The report points out that many other PCCs are undertaking work to prevent crime which has not been included in the report.

Minister for Crime, Policing and the Fire Service: Kit Malthouse MP states in the Foreword, *“Our Modern Crime Prevention Strategy sets out a whole-of-Government, evidence-based approach to crime prevention and, along with the National Policing Crime Prevention Strategy, focuses on tackling the drivers of crime. To help deliver these strategies, we look to PCCs to exercise local leadership, provide strategic focus, and bring together different partners...”*

He goes on to say, *“we have announced £25m Safer Streets Fund which will help enhance local crime prevention efforts. The fund will encourage collaborative working with local partners and communities to tackle acquisitive crime in local hotspots to make real, practical differences to these areas.”*

[Click here](#) to read the full report.

Brexit and Children in Conflict with the Law

What YOT Workers Need to Know



Professor Kathryn Hollingsworth (Newcastle University) and Professor Helen Stalford (Liverpool University) write....



Following Brexit, the status of European Economic Area (EEA) and Swiss nationals in the UK – including children – will be fundamentally changed.

For most EEA nationals, the right to remain living in the UK and to continue enjoying (most of) the rights and benefits that currently flow from the EU free movement provisions, will depend on acquiring settled status under the EU Settled Status (EUSS) scheme. The scheme, launched on 30th March 2019, has two basic eligibility criteria: the applicant must be an EEA national (or the child/family member of an EEA national); and they must have been continuously resident in the UK for five years. Where a person has less than five years continuous residence, they will have 'pre-settled status' until they 'upgrade' to full settled status when the five years is accrued. However, an applicant may also be refused settled status on the grounds of 'suitability' – that is, on the basis of their conduct or 'criminality'.

The application process is intended to be relatively straightforward but this is not the case for children who are or have been involved in the criminal justice system. It is well documented that many of these children come from under-supported backgrounds (including a disproportionate number of children who have been in care) and have multiple vulnerabilities including communication and learning difficulties. For these reasons alone, children in conflict with the law should be provided with additional support and help to navigate the processes of acquiring settled status, including support to access specialist immigration advice (and also because some of these children may be entitled to British citizenship; and, a stable immigration status facilitates reintegration).

A lot of uncertainty surrounds the scheme, but we do know that:

- i. All applicants over 10 years old are subject to a criminal records check. Where that reveals 'serious or persistent' offending, the application will be referred to Immigration Enforcement to make a decision as to suitability;
- ii. The threshold for refusing children on the grounds of suitability is higher than for adults. They can only be refused on 'imperative grounds of public security';

- iii. Continuous residence is broken by a sentence of 'imprisonment'; that is, the clock restarts from scratch on the day of release regardless of how long the person lived in the UK prior to imprisonment;
- iv. When a person is serving a 'sentence of imprisonment' they are 'not generally eligible' to apply,
- v. On 6th September 2019, the Minister of State for the Home Office, the Rt Hon Brandon Lewis, confirmed that the impact of a custodial sentence on continuous residence and eligibility to apply during the sentence applies equally to children as it does to adults.

The impact of a custodial sentence is of most significance to YOT workers when preparing a PSR for an EEA national child between now and the deadline for applying:

- Where an EEA child who has not yet applied for EUSS receives a custodial sentence, the length of which will take them beyond the application deadline (30 June 2021, or 31 December 2020 if the UK leaves without a deal), the child will be unable to apply for EUSS whilst serving that sentence, and will thus leave custody with a (potentially permanent) precarious immigration status, unable to access services. *Sentencing courts should be made aware of this as part of their duty to take account of the child's welfare, background, reintegration and the principal aim to prevent re-offending.*
- A custodial sentence breaks a period of continuous residence. This means that a child may have lived in the UK for close to five years but if sentenced to custody the clock would 'start again' upon release. They would have to wait another five years before they can 'upgrade' their pre-settled status (definite leave to remain) to settled status (indefinite leave to remain). *This should be drawn to the attention of sentencing courts if they are considering custody.*
- An application for EUSS can be rejected on the grounds of 'suitability' (criminality). The determination of suitability will largely be based on criminal convictions, and in particular 'serious and persistent offending'. Sentence type and length may be used as an indicator of whether the threshold has been met. *Sentencing courts should again consider this when sentencing children.* In addition, if the length of a custodial sentence will mean the child is released as an *adult*, then even if they are within time to apply, the lower adult threshold of suitability will apply, not the higher threshold that would have applied if the child has been able to apply in custody. *A PSR should inform the court of the age upon release of any EEA children when they are considering a sentence of detention.*

A full briefing of key issues can be found [here](#)

Breaking the Link Between School Exclusions and Knife Crime

APPG Report Published



The All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Knife Crime Report has published its report 'Back to School? Breaking the link between school exclusions and knife crime', which recognizes the increase in school exclusions and the *"Huge proportions" of excluded children who have special educational needs and other, often unaddressed, vulnerabilities.*"

Recognizing the role schools play in the preventing and tackling serious youth violence, the report states, *"Excluding a child must be a last resort."*

The APPG considered the role school exclusions may be playing in exacerbating the increase in knife crime; and what could be done to support vulnerable young people both before and after exclusion to help ensure we could keep them safe, seeking answers to four questions:

1. What is driving the current rise in school exclusions?
2. Is there a link between rising school exclusions and rising levels of knife crime?
3. What can be done to prevent exclusion from mainstream education, particularly of young people who may be at risk of involvement in serious violence?
4. What happens to young people when they are excluded from school? How do we effectively safeguard them and ensure they access effective education?

The inquiry found *"too often the moment of school exclusion is the tipping point that leads to young people picking up knives...children outside of mainstream schools are at serious risk of grooming and exploitation by criminal gangs."*

The report makes seven recommendations Government, local authorities, schools and other education providers.



[Click here](#) to read the full report.

Location monitoring is coming: what you need to know



Ministry
of Justice

What you need to know

Scott Docherty, Electronic Monitoring Business Change Team, HMPPS (MOJ) explains....

Location monitoring tags use satellite technology to monitor the wearer's location and will be available alongside the electronic monitoring of curfew requirements, which remains an important option for the management and supervision of offenders and defendants in the community. In September of this year the Ministry of Justice completed the national rollout of location monitoring to adult cohorts. The new capability is the most significant change in electronic monitoring since the launch of the national service in 1999, and builds on the success of the adult roll-out.



Currently, location monitoring is only available to adult subjects, however plans to continue the roll-out to youths are underway. A **targeted launch in London is planned for Autumn 2019**, with national rollout expected in the new year following a post-implementation review. Our analysis tells us that the tags are being used in a proportionate manner as part of a wider community management process, subjects are experiencing rehabilitative benefits of the tags and that stakeholders believe the tag helps with the management of their subjects.

How can the location monitoring be used?

To **not enter a specific location or address** as identified on a map, or to **monitor a child's attendance** at a particular activity (e.g. education



To monitor a child's **trail***



A **curfew** requirement/condition alongside location monitoring



* Only available for Detention and Training Orders and HDC order

Who is eligible?

Initially, location monitoring will be available for the following cohorts.

Court cohorts:

- Court imposed Bail
- Remand to Local Authority Accommodation
- Youth Rehabilitation Orders

Post-custody:

- Detention and Training Orders
- Home Detention Curfew

As with curfew tagging, children must have an electricity supply and fixed address to be eligible.

What are the principles of use?

We have worked with the YJB to agree a set of principles to ensure the tags are used appropriately. The principles stipulate that location monitoring is **not to be used to toughen sentences**, but rather should be **used as an additional protective and/or supportive factor, or as a viable alternative to custody**. It is also emphasised that the vulnerability of the child, including learning needs and health must be taken into account before considering location monitoring.

The YJB have also outlined some potential use cases for the tags, including for: county lines, gangs, knife crime and safeguarding purposes. The YOTs have the ability to recommend location monitoring through court PSR's and post custody release recommendations, if they consider it to be necessary, proportionate and would help support the child in the community.

Why are we doing this?

The YJB and other stakeholders across the Criminal Justice System (including probation staff, Magistrates and Judges) have been enthusiastic about the introduction of the tags, and believe that the tags can deliver the following benefits:

- Additional **support for the child's efforts to comply with their order**.
- Help the child **resist negative influences**.
- Providing a **psychological deterrent to non-compliance**.
- Additional **safeguarding of the child's welfare**.
- **Reduced risk of exploitation for county lines**.
- Increased **ability to resist peer pressure**.
- **Ruling children out of crimes**.

How to get further information

An information video for wearers of the new tag has been created, which provides an overview of all the information the child should need. We would encourage case managers to show this to children they are managing with a tag. The video can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yAsUEcB0yUg>

We have been presenting at each of the regional Development Practice Forums and will be scheduling sessions and distributing specific guidance materials to provide further information to YOT staff over the coming months. In the meantime, if you have any questions then please email: EMChange@justice.gov.uk

Increased Support for Care Leavers

£19 million for Programmes to Support Care Leavers



Department
for Education

The announcement from the Education Secretary Gavin Williamson and the Department of Education came on 23rd October, just prior to the commencement of National Care Leavers Week.

The new funding includes £10 million to create stable homes for care leavers as they become adults; £6 million to support young people leaving care to live independently and £3 million to help care leavers go into further education.

The Education Secretary has also committed to delivering 1,000 internships for care leavers over the next two years to help secure long term, quality jobs for care leavers. The current Civil Service Internship Scheme will also be expanded. The scheme to date has offered permanent jobs to 220 care leavers across Whitehall has supported care leavers into new employment opportunities by working with other public sector bodies such as the NHS, Ministry of Defence, police and fire and rescue services.



In addition to the new internships and ministerial group, the full package of new announcements includes:

- £10 million to expand Staying Put, a programme designed to create stable homes for care leavers as they become adults.
- £6 million in 2021/22 to roll out Staying Close across the country, helping young people leaving residential care to continue to get on-going support from their previous carers they know and trust, which will help them to successfully live independently.
- £3 million to extend the Pupil Premium Plus to all 16-18 year old care leavers, supporting their transition into further education.



The funding aims to support care leavers and help improve their outcomes, addressing the number of those aged 19 to 21 who are deemed 'not in education, employment or training' (NEET).

For more information [click here](#)



Other News in Brief



Feltham YOI Taking New Admissions

Following the urgent notification issued by Peter Clarke HM Chief Inspector for Prisons in July this year, a temporary ban was placed on admissions to Feltham YOI. As a result of this, an action plan was published by the Ministry of Justice and a risk assessment has been undertaken following improvements which have included strengthening staffing and tackling violence.

The Youth Custody Service has announced it will open the YOI to new admissions, however capacity at the YOI will be limited to 100.

Feltham YOI is also applying a new escalation process to ensure that children are released from custody into suitable accommodation in a timely manner. The process takes effect 56 days prior to the child's release.

Feltham YOI is applying a new escalation process to ensure that children released from custody are found Staff in YOTs and secure settings are required to work collaboratively to secure accommodation at the earliest opportunity.

For more information on this process please [click here](#).

Home Office UK Wide Summit to Tackle Drug Deaths

The summit is expected to take place in Glasgow before Christmas and will provide an update on Dame Carol Black's review of drugs, which is due to report later this year.



The meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss the issues of drug misuse across the UK, share best practice on common goals and identify areas for closer collaboration.

Minister for Crime, Policing and the Fire Service Kit Malthouse said "We must choke off the supply of harmful drugs and relentlessly pursue the organised criminals behind this trade while helping those dependent on drugs to recover."

Contextual Safeguarding Debate



Professionals in local authorities met to discuss contextual safeguarding approaches to support and protect children outside the home at an event hosted by Children and Young People Now.

As previously covered in the AYM Bulletin, research by Dr. Carlene Firmin MBE highlighted the need to consider child protection outside the home, and launched the Contextual Safeguarding Network which now has a membership of 5,500 professionals.

[Click here](#) for more information about the debate.

More than 700 Arrested in County Lines Crackdown

In a week long exercise organized by the National County Lines Coordination Centre, 700 individuals were arrested and officers seized almost half a million pounds worth of drugs and 169 weapons. This was the fourth of such campaigns commencing last year.

During the week, 389 vulnerable adults and 292 children were safeguarded and 49 'deal lines' were seized.

The National Crime Agency's Nikki Holland said: '*Criminal networks rely on the flow of money to further their drug trafficking operations and conceal their assets. Over the last year of county lines intensification, we have seized more than a million pounds – hitting them where it hurts so they don't benefit from their crimes.*'

Tighter Rules for Online Gambling by Children

In the report '**Gaming the System**', Anne Longfield Children's Commissioner call for amend the Gambling Act to protect children who game online.



Children are reported to spend hundreds of pounds on 'loot boxes' and the Commissioner calls for games with these to be classified as gambling.

[Click here](#) to read the full report.



Items of Interest



Calendar of events for AYM 2019-20

Title	Date	Venue
Executive Board meeting	3 rd December	Youth Justice Convention, Birmingham NEC
Executive Board meeting	14 th January	Hampshire County Council, Winchester
Spring Conference	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Executive Board meeting	April - date to be confirmed	Stockport YJS (tbc)
Executive Board meeting and AGM	June – date to be confirmed	Warwickshire YJS (tbc)
Executive Board meeting	September - date to be confirmed	Venue tbc
Autumn Conference	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
<p><i>Please contact your regional representative (see below) if you wish the Executive Board to consider a particular issue, or if you have an item you would like to bring to their attention at one of their meetings.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>To keep up to date with this calendar, please look at our website:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">aym.org.uk</p>		

Summary Ethnic Disproportionality Tool



Is your YOT using the summary ethnic disproportionality tool?

Do you have some examples of how you are using to best effect which you are willing to share?

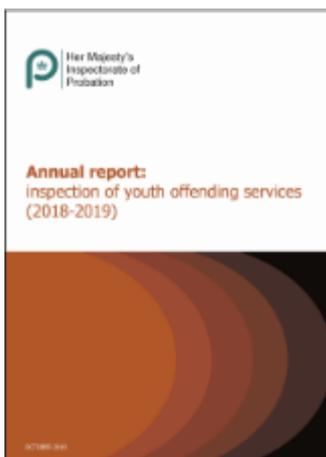
If the answer to these questions is “Yes” please contact the YJB which wishes to share best practice in its use with others. Contact:

gary.christie@yjb.gov.uk



HMIP Call for National Guidance on Out of Court Disposals

Chief Inspector of HMI Probation, Justin Russell has called for national guidance to address the current post code lottery which results in children receiving differing outcomes when receiving an out of court disposal.



The latest HMI Probation Annual Report on Youth Offending Services reported ‘significant variation’ in the treatment and support offered to children receiving an out of court disposal, dependent on where they reside.

To read the full report [click here](#)



National Association of Youth Justice Seminar



The National Association of Youth Justice (NAYJ) is holding a one day seminar with national and local speakers exploring how 'Children First Youth Justice' would translate into practice.

The event will take place:

09:30 – 16:00 on Thursday 9th January 2020, at

Sheffield Town Hall
Pinstone Street
Sheffield
S1 2HH

To find out more and book a place [click here](#)

Child Centred Policing National Conference

The National Police Chiefs' Council is holding a national conference looking at prevention and early intervention is at the heart of Child Centred Policing.



Presentations include, amongst others, on how violence can be prevented by intervening early and the influence of social media on children.

The conference will take place on:

Wednesday 22 January 2020, at:
Church House, Deans Yard, Westminster, London, SW1P 3NZ

For more information and to book a place [click here](#)

Standing Committee for Youth Justice Members' Meeting

The next members' meeting of SCYJ will focus on the criminalisation of looked after children and their trajectories into and out of custody.

The meeting will take place:

2.30pm - 4.30pm Thursday 21st November 2019, at,

Garden Court Chambers,
57-60 Lincoln's Inn Fields,
London WC2A 3LJ



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Then follow AYM on Twitter.....
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Via our website <http://aym.org.uk/about-us/contact-us>

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