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News from the AYM Executive Board



We are looking forward to the House of Lords event on the 9th March, at which we hope to welcome many AYM members and all the past and present YJB chairs including:

Lords Warner and McNally, Graham Robb, Frances Done, Professor Rod Morgan: plus current and previous Chief Executives including, John Drew and Mark Perfect – which gives some mark of the esteem in which the AYM is held.



We will also be launching the AYM's refresh of the Sustaining the Success guidance for Youth Offending Team Partnerships which the survey completed by AYM members has influenced.

Peer Reviews



Youth Justice Sector Improvement Partnership (YJSIP) is a partnership between the Association of YOT Managers (AYM), the Youth Justice Sector and the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales. YJSIP is governed through the AYM Executive Board.

The latest peer review training, advertised in last month's Bulletin, is now fully booked. However, if you are interested in hearing more about peer reviews – or wish to be considered for one to be undertaken in your YOT, please contact the YJSIP Programme Board Chairs:

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National Probation Service Consultation Events

Youth offending teams were invited by the National Probation Service (NPS) to attend consultation events across the regions. Unfortunately, the London event venue was hard to find and this contributed to low attendance - three YOT attendees in the morning and a further two YOTs in the afternoon.



AYM Regional Representative for London, Brendan Finegan was in attendance and reports that he was able to ask what was the implementation expectation of NPS to the recruitment to the new fractional posts. NPS were unable to advise on this but were clear that they did not expect to be paying YOTs cash as an alternative to staffing into the future.

Brendan also asked about the historic recruitment problems and suggested the transition to the new arrangements should be 9 or 12 months not 6 months, however, NPS were unable to confirm this would be the case.

Brendan reports that his perception was that the funding formula would be reworked after the prevention/out of court disposal assessment and, once the YJB posts that are being funded by a top-slice off this new formula, is completed.

Brendan also asked if the reintegration of NPS and community rehabilitation companies (CRCs) will change the assumptions that NPS has been using about the overall resource envelope to fund the YOT partnership. No commitment to this was made by NPS.

A similar event is taking place for the South West Region with NPS invited to the South West YOT's Business Meeting on 2nd March. Mike Rees, The AYM Regional Representative for the South West will be in attendance.

The AYM Executive encourages YOT Managers to attend these events to ensure that all consideration is given to the needs of YOTs and the diversity of structures and pressures is appreciated by NPS.

Update on the secure school

'Oasis Restore' present at the Standing Committee for Youth Justice

Brendan Finegan who regularly attends the Member's Meeting of the Standing Committee for Youth Justice was present at the last meeting where Steve Chalke Founder and Leader of Oasis Charitable Foundation, together with Clare Wilson Project Lead, spoke about the secure school development.



'Oasis Restore' – the working name for the arm of Oasis delivering the secure school, hopes to become a registered secure children's home (SCH) with Ofsted. However, it is unclear if the contract with the Ministry of Justice will cover the costs of achieving SCH status. Chalke advised that if the finance isn't achieved the secure school will not happen.

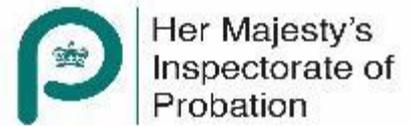


Oasis is clear however that the secure school will not open until at least 2021, as they have not yet agreed the changes to the building nor basic staff recruitment requirements.

The secure school will be an education Academy; however, the Charity Commission are still yet to be convinced that Oasis Restore can retain charitable status if it is engaged in the detention of children.

Out of Court Disposals: Inspection Framework for YOTs

HMIP explain....



We are currently undertaking a review of our inspection framework for youth offending services and have been engaging with the sector to seek feedback. In particular, we are looking at domain three of our framework which covers Out of Court Disposals (OOCs). Domain three was introduced into the routine inspection of youth offending services for the first time in June 2018 to reflect the changing nature of YOT work and increasing use of OOCs across the sector. The feedback we have received on domain three is helping us to evaluate how well it is working and where changes need to be made. We will consult on our proposed changes in late spring. In the meantime, here is the context around our current approach to inspecting OOC practice.

Research on OOC practice, together with our inspection findings to-date, tells us that OOC schemes vary significantly across the sector. Approaches are generally defined by two key factors - the strength of local partnership working with the police and other relevant organisations and the constitution of local social care services. Indeed, the spectrum of community resolution (CR) provision that we have seen stretches from YOTs being involved in all CR cases from assessment onwards, to CRs being entirely dealt with by early help teams with no YOT involvement whatsoever. This makes the development of a single OOC inspection framework challenging and is one of the reasons why our research team play a key role in the development of our inspection standards and methodology.

Our inspection framework is grounded in evidence, learning and experience relevant to each individual area of practice that we inspect. When our current domain three methodology for YOTs was developed we undertook an evidence review and consulted widely to ensure this was the case. Our judgments on the quality of OOC work are based on [four standards](#) that are underpinned by 11 key questions and 42 prompts. Behind this sits our [domain three case assessment rules and guidance \(CARaG\)](#), where the detail of what we look for in effective OOC case management is set out, and our [inspection manual](#). Together these provide a comprehensive guide to our inspection approach and it is important that each of these elements of our inspection framework are considered together for a complete picture of the approach we take and the evidence we look to gather.

Over the first year of our inspections against these new OOC standards we looked at the quality of supervision of over 500 out of court cases across 26 YOTs, taking a detailed look at the case files, but also interviewing all of the relevant case managers. Whilst we did find some areas of good practice, with 17 services scoring good or outstanding on their joint working arrangements with police and other agencies and 12 scoring good or outstanding on the delivery of interventions, in general scores for the OOC cohort were lower than for court cases. So, for example, we rated ten services as 'inadequate' on the quality of assessment of out of court disposals and 17 as requires improvement or inadequate on planning.

Within this OOCB cohort, there was also a clear distinction between the quality of work undertaken with young people given a youth conditional caution and those dealt with through a community resolution approach, where our ratings tended to be significantly lower. This was particularly in relation to whether local services were taking a properly holistic approach to assessing the child's own welfare needs and their potential risks to others. Our case assessment data suggests both of these may be significant. So, for example, our inspectors assessed at least 39% of the sample of community resolution cases we looked at to be medium or high risk; almost half had a substance abuse issue; almost a quarter had a mental health need and 1 in 10 had been subject to a Child Protection Plan or section 47 enquiry during the sentence period we were inspecting.

Of the OOCB work we have inspected to date, those services that have rated most highly have achieved those ratings by taking an innovative, child-first approach to OOCB work and this has been recognised in our published reports. The very nature of our work means that we will always have times when we have to give difficult messages, and while we will seek to highlight exemplary practice, we also need to be clear when we see areas of practice where improvement is needed. Nevertheless, we want to be an inspectorate that encourages and rewards effective innovation and identifies, supports and drives best practice. That is why we have introduced an effective practice lead, why we are looking at how we can make better use of data and why we are considering how we can both focus, and comment more, on outcomes.

We recognise though that the evidence base is constantly evolving, so a key part of our review will be to look again at available evidence, learning and experience and cross reference this against our current inspection framework and any proposals for change. One action we had already identified through our review, and the need for which was reinforced through our recent consultation with YOT Managers, is to undertake a review of our domain three assessment rules and guidance to ensure it appropriately distinguishes between statutory and non-statutory OOCBs. Work on this has begun and we will publish a revised domain three CARaG in due course.



Finally, as we hope was demonstrated by our recent engagement activity, we are keen to hear from all of you about OOCB work and domain three of our inspection framework so please do get in touch with our review team if you have not already had an opportunity to comment and wish to share your views with us.

You can do this by emailing either Matthew Armer (matthew.armer@justice.gov.uk) or Helen Mercer (helen.mercer@hmiprobation.gov.uk).

There will also be an opportunity to comment on any proposed changes when we formally consult in the spring.

Call for Scotland's YJS to be 'Rights Respecting'



The University of Strathclyde based Centre for Youth & Criminal Justice (CYCJ), has published a powerful new report calling for Scotland to ensure its youth justice system is truly 'rights respecting', if it is to uphold the terms of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

'Rights Respecting? Scotland's approach to children in conflict with the law' was launched at the Kilbrandon Lecture (January 30th) on children's services and the rights of children. The lecture was given by Austrian human rights lawyer Professor Manfred Nowak, who led the Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty.

It is written by CYCJ's director, Dr Claire Lightowler, who took a year's sabbatical to dedicate herself to exploring the complex and often emotive issues around offending by children, based on CYCJ's belief that youth justice in Scotland requires a reconfiguration on a scale not seen since the Kilbrandon Report transformed child welfare in 1960s Scotland.

The Scottish Government has committed to incorporating the UNCRC into domestic law in Scotland by 2021, recognising that a significant change is required if children's rights are to be progressed. Dr Lightowler's report is the first of its kind to translate the UNCRC into Scottish specific actions to improve policy, practice and experience in youth justice.

Bruce Adamson, Children and Young People's Commissioner for Scotland, has praised the "robust and impressive" report for being "the first piece of work that comprehensively examines Scotland's youth justice system from a rights-based perspective".

The full report can be accessed by [clicking here](#).



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Independent Review of MAPPA

Ministry of Justice Review Management of Terrorist and Extremist Offenders



The purpose of the review is to examine the effectiveness of the statutory multi-agency public protection arrangements (MAPPA) in relation to the management of TACT (Terrorism Act 2000) and TACT-related offenders, offenders who have been identified as being of terrorism concern, and those who are assessed to be engaging in terrorism-related activity within the Prison Estate. The Ministry of Justice advises that the review is distinct but complimentary to the review of MAPPA Level 1 being undertaken by HMPSS.

The review will make recommendations to strengthen the operation of the entire MAPPA framework for managing this cohort of offenders and may include the need for new powers in primary legislation, as well the introduction of new tools or interventions to supplement or replace existing ones.

Amongst a number of objectives, the review will investigate the effectiveness of MAPPA in assessing and managing the risk posed by the MAPPA cohort and if information sharing amongst wider agency partners is appropriate.

It will also consider the clarity and appropriateness of roles and responsibilities of the MAPPA agencies and whether the right agencies are involved and appropriately resourced.

Consideration will also be given to whether the level of confidentiality for MAPPA processes could be enhanced.

Additionally, the relationship between MAPPA and safeguarding and vulnerability strategies and the common and threads and dependencies between them.

The review will provide a report to the Home Secretary and the Justice Secretary for publication, with recommendations on improvements to MAPPA which will be *“evidence-based and proportionate, with consideration given to their implementation.”*

For more information on this review [click here](#)

New Serious Youth Violence Assessment Tool

YJB Publish Self-Assessment Tool for YOTs



As part of the YJB's work to support the youth justice system in the shared goal of reducing serious violence, they have published a self-assessment tool for youth offending teams. Known as the Serious Youth Violence Stocktake **Serious Youth Violence Stocktake**, the tool is designed to help YOTs see gaps and strengths in the work they are doing to reduce serious youth violence.

Use of the stocktake is not mandated but is available to all youth offending teams (YOTs) in England and Wales. It was co-designed by the YJB, external partners and the SYV Network. The network is a group of YOTs experiencing the highest levels of serious youth violence which meets quarterly to share discuss challenges and share practice.

James Salter, Service Manager, Brent YOT said

“As a member of the SYV YOT Network, I was really pleased we had the opportunity to develop this tool which we are now able to share with all YOTs. We intend to start using it in the YOT as a way to check we all doing all we can to tackle serious youth violence. I’d really encourage you to have a look at it at your next Management Board meeting”.

The tool is based on ten key lines of enquiry, which includes data, partnership working, service delivery, and funding. It has been created to provide YOT managers with the opportunity and means to reflect on the service they and their partners provide. Once the Stocktake is completed, it can be used to set a baseline which can then be used again for making comparisons.

One feature of the tool is a SYV Data Toolkit which helps analyse quarterly serious youth violence data quickly and easily. This can be downloaded by YOTs via the Youth Justice Application Framework (YJAF) documents library.

Your Views Are Welcome

The YJB would welcome feedback on the Stocktake, how you might use it and any impact it has on your service. Please direct any feedback and queries to:

yjbprogrammesupportoffice@yjb.gov.uk

Research into How Violence Affects Children

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The Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), together with Greater Manchester Police and 10 of the local authorities have commissioned the 'Innovation Unit', a social enterprise based in the UK, Australia and New Zealand, to research and identify the drivers of recent increases in violent crime in the Greater Manchester area in order to inform a shared action plan of the agencies involved in tackling violent crime.

Using ONS data researchers report that between 2015 and 2018, knife crime offences in the Greater Manchester area rose by 89%, 41% of these offences were for possession of knives. In this period, knife related offences in schools increased by 108% to 127 offences.



More than 50% of knife possession offences relate to young people aged between 10 and 24 years of age, and one in ten of knife crime offences committed by 15-19 year olds against young people of the same age.

The report recognizes that children are both perpetrators and victims of violent crime and, that the majority of violent crime is committed by adults.

Researchers gathered view of professionals, adults and the community about their perception and experience of violent crime. Fieldwork focused interviews with adults and young people (aged 10-25 years) to look at the influences on their lives, decisions and behaviours.

A number of youth justice services contributed to this research which highlighted six key concerns shared by adults and children alike which included concerns regarding the impact and influence of social media, growing up in a society where violence is normalised, deteriorating relationships between the community and police as a result of changes in local policing, possession of weapons as a result of fear, 'toxic masculinity' and the need for safe places and diversion for children.

The report makes a number of recommendations aimed at helping agencies and communities address the concerns identified, including the introduction of 'Community Guardians', members of the community who support effective communication between the community, landlords and locality teams.



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

Location Monitoring

Following Successful Roll Out in London....

Location monitoring tags will be available to eligible youth courts across England and Wales from 30th March 2020. They were introduced for under 18 year olds in London at the end of November 2019. Uptake has been in line with expectations with 8 children having been tagged to date, 6 of which are currently 'live'.

YOT case managers have shared **positive feedback on outcomes and indicated that using the tags has helped with the management of children in the community.**



The GPS-enabled tags use satellite technology to monitor the wearer's location and will be available alongside standard curfew tags, which remain an important option for the management and supervision of offenders and defendants in the community. The new capability is the most significant change in electronic monitoring since the launch of the national service in 1999, and builds on the successful roll-out of location monitoring tags to adults, that completed in September 2019.

How can location monitoring be used?

To monitor the compliance of an **exclusion zone** as identified on a map, or to **monitor a child's attendance** at a particular activity



Alongside the monitoring of a **curfew** requirement/condition



To monitor a child's **whereabouts, known as trail monitoring***. Location data can be requested retrospectively from EMS



* This is only available to post-custody options (Detention and Training Orders and Home Detention Curfew). Please see "Trail Monitoring-an overview for YOT staff" for more information).

One tag wearer stated:

"I've walked in an exclusion zone before, not realising ... That was before I had the tag on, so I wasn't really bothered about getting seen. Now, with the tag, I knew full well that if I go in that exclusion zone, I'm [going to] get seen no matter what"

Who is eligible?

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 an approved address to be eligible.

What are the principles of use?

The YJB has outlined principles to ensure the tags are used appropriately. These principles stipulate that location monitoring is **not to be used to toughen sentences**, but rather should be **used as an additional protective, supportive and/or safeguarding 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.

Potential uses for the tags, include cases such as county lines, gangs and knife crime. 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. The use of tagging should offer an appropriate response to patterns of offending.

Why is this being introduced?

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

- Additional **support to help the child 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 through providing objective evidence of the child's movements**.

How to get further information

See the information video for wearers of the new tag, 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 "Your location tag: everything you need to know" can be found on the HMPPS YouTube channel [here](#).

We will continue to schedule sessions with each of the relevant stakeholder groups across Youth Justice, and will be distributing specific guidance materials to provide further information over the coming months. In the meantime, if you have any questions then please email: EMChange@justice.gov.uk.

Addressing Online Harm

Government is minded to appoint Ofcom as the Regulator.

The government has now published its initial response to the White Paper 'Online Harms' which was consulted on in 2019. The White Paper proposes establishing in law a new duty of care towards users, which will be overseen by an independent regulator. Companies will be held to account for tackling a comprehensive set of online harms, ranging from illegal activity and content to behaviours which are harmful but not necessarily illegal.



Digital Secretary Nicky Morgan and the Home Secretary Priti Patel have announced the government is minded to appoint communications watchdog Ofcom as the regulator to enforce rules to make the internet a safer place.

The government states the regulator is part of the plan to protect children and vulnerable people online, in addition to giving consumers greater confidence to use technology and **will play a key role in enforcing a statutory duty of care to protect users from harmful and illegal terrorist and child abuse content.**

In order to carry out the function, Ofcom will be granted new powers which will include making sure online companies have the systems and processes in place to fulfil the duty of care to keep people using their platforms safe.

Priti Patel, said of the decision:

“While the internet can be used to connect people and drive innovation, we know it can also be a hiding place for criminals, including paedophiles, to cause immense harm. It is incumbent on tech firms to balance issues of privacy and technological advances with child protection.”

Safeguarding children and their families whilst on line is welcomed by all agencies involved with children. Barnardo’s Chief Executive, Javed Khan said

“The backbone of an internet that is safe for children is regulation, which is why this announcement is so important. Children face growing risks online, including cyber-bullying, sexual grooming, and exposure to self-harm forums.”

It is anticipated that regulation will apply to only 5% of UK companies, those that allow the sharing of user-generated content e.g. through comments, forums or video sharing.

The government will publish a full consultation response in Spring 2020, setting out further details of the potential enforcement powers Ofcom may have.

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

Other News in Brief



Future of the Ministry of Justice in Question

The recent reshuffle of the Cabinet has meant that the role of Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Ministry of Justice is no longer responsible for youth justice, this responsibility has been transferred to the Minister of State, Lucy Frazer. Lucy was Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Ministry of Justice between January 18 to May 19 and therefore responsible for youth justice. As Minister of State, she now holds responsibility for, amongst others, probation and prison services [click here](#) for the full list.

The Deputy Political Editor of the Daily Telegraph, Anna Mikhailova, recently reported that there are plans afoot to transfer the responsibility for sentencing and possibly the National Probation Service from the Ministry of Justice to the Home Office.

Mikhailova also reports that a government source states discussions have taken place about replacing the MoJ with a “constitutional affairs” ministry, which would have responsibilities which would include judicial reform.

To read the article [click here](#)

Seminar to Explore Transitions for Girls



As part of the Standing Committee for Youth Justice’s (SCYJ) Young Women’s Justice project with Agenda - the Alliance for Women and Girls at risk, SCYJ will be holding an expert seminar with SCYJ members and women’s organisations in May or early June, to explore transitions for girls approaching young adulthood while in contact with the criminal justice system.

There will be a particular focus on girls from black Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds (BAME) and those girls who have experienced care.

Legal Challenge for Failure to Provide Secure Accommodation



Just for Kids Law are continuing their campaign 'No Child in Cells', which has been active since 2016, by bringing a legal challenge at the High Court against the London Borough of Waltham Forest for failing to provide secure accommodation for a child which resulted in them being detained in police custody for two nights.

Just for Kids Law report that:

".. the court has recognised that the case is an example of a widespread problem and not an issue that affects Waltham Forest alone. Consequently, the Secretary for State for Education, the London Councils and the Association of Directors of Children's Services, along with the Metropolitan Police have all been named by the court as interested parties to the case."

Reforms to Unregulated Provision for Children in Care and Care Leavers



Department
for Education

The Department of Education (DofE) reports that the number of children in care aged 16 or 17 years placed in unregulated settings increased from 2,900 in 2009 to 6,100 in 2019. In order to ensure quality of placements the DofE they propose:

- banning using independent and semi-independent provision for children aged under 16 years;
- introducing national quality standards;
- ensuring Independent Reviewing Officers represent young people's interests;
- requiring local authorities and policy forces to liaise; and
- new legal powers for Ofsted to take action against illegal providers

As a result of the proposed changes, the DfE has opened a consultation on the use of unregulated

[Click here](#) to access more information and respond to the consultation.



The AYM will be responding to this consultation. If you have issues you wish us to raise please contact the portfolio lead for looked after children Jon Gardner at:

jon.gardner@southampton.gov.uk

Safer Streets Fund Launched

Police and crime commissioners (PCCs) will be able to bid for grants of up to £550,000 to make improvements in their community facilities, such as street lighting, improving home security and installing alley gateways, in an attempt to help prevent acquisitive crime.



The fund is specifically designed for areas that need to tackle such crimes which include theft, robbery and burglary.

PCCs can also use the funding to support other prevention activity, such as training community wardens, and delivering local crime prevention advice to residents or Neighbourhood Watch schemes.

Each initiative will be assessed to help inform future government investments.

For more information [click here](#)

Girls And Gangs

Florence Eshalomi, Member of the London Assembly has published a report examining support for gang associated girls. The report reports on the under reporting of violence experienced by girls associated with gangs, Eshalomi argues *“If we are to fully tackle gangs and gang violence we have to make sure that the needs of all those affected, including gang associated girls, are heard and supported.”*



The report makes a number of recommendations including:

- Commissioning of a strategic needs assessment of gang associated girls to provide a better understanding of the scale of girls and young women with gang associations in London,
- Training for professionals to help them identify girls and young women who are associated with gangs,
- Funding to ensure that visible, gender-specific services can be tailored to girls needs, and for early intervention schemes to support girls and young women in understanding and building healthy relationships.

To read the report [click here](#)



Items of Interest



Calendar of events for AYM 2020

Title	Date	Venue
AYM 20 th Anniversary Event	9 th March 2020	House of Lords
Executive Board meeting	3 rd April 2020	Stockport YJS
Executive Board meeting and AGM	10 th June 2020	Warwickshire YJS
Executive Board meeting	21 st September 2020,	Cramlington, Northumberland
Autumn Conference	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Executive Board meeting	To be confirmed	To be confirmed

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.

To keep up to date with this calendar, please look at our website:

aym.org.uk

NAYJ Seminar



The National Association of Youth Justice is holding a seminar:

Child first youth justice: rhetoric or reality?

Tuesday 12 May

2-5pm

at **Hodge, Jones and Allen Solicitors**
180 North Gower Street,
London NW1 2NB

To book a place at this seminar [click here](#)



C&YP Now Conferences

Safeguarding Children in the Digital Age

Children and Young People Now's 4th National Conference takes place on

Wednesday 25th March 2020
at Cavendish Centre, London.

Bringing together safeguarding specialists and online safety experts., the conference aims to equip practitioners with the skills and confidence to keep children safe online.⁷

If you are interested in attending this conference, [click here](#) to book your place.

Youth Work in the 2020s: Policy, Practice & Opportunities

Children & Young People Now, together with the National Youth Agency aims to bring together key figures and leading practitioners to support practitioners in providing high quality, effective services and support to all young people.

Thursday 25th June 2020
Central London

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

Standing Committee for Youth Justice



Recruiting a Policy and Communications Assistant

The Standing Committee for Youth Justice (SCYJ) is hiring a Policy and Communications Assistant to play a key role in their small policy and communications team.

The role is part time and would suit someone with a passion for influencing change.

Knowledge or experience of the youth justice system and issues affecting young people would be a huge advantage so **you may know of a young person you may have worked with who would be interested in using the expertise and skills they have developed through their lived experiences to bring about policy change.**

The role will support the work of the busy organisation with communication, research and administration duties, and have successful candidate will have the opportunity to gain experience of policy work and parliamentary campaigning.

Further details about the role and how to apply can be found [here](#)

Deadline for applications is Sunday 8th March

SCYJ welcome applications from people who have:

- Commitment to social justice and bringing about positive change for children and young people
- A genuine interest and understanding of the issues affecting children involved in the youth justice system
- Good interpersonal skills, with the ability to engage with people from a range of backgrounds and develop collaborative working relationships
- Persuasive and creative written and visual communications skills, and experience of producing written materials for different audiences
- Familiar with digital media, including using social media channels and ability to produce content for website and use survey software
- Experience in MS Office including Outlook, Word and Excel
- Ability to explore and understand large amounts of information
- Strong administrative, organisational, time management and prioritisation skills

The next members' meeting of the Standing Committee for Youth Justice (SCYJ) will take place on Wednesday 22nd April at 2:30pm at the New Horizon Youth Centre, 68 Chalton St, Kings Cross, London NW1 1JR

Youth Justice Summit

'Locked Up: Reducing the detention of children

This fourth annual summit of the Youth Justice Legal Centre at Just for Kids Law, will take place on:

5th June 2020
09:00 – 16:30
at King's College London
Strand, London
WC2R 2LS



The Summit brings together practitioners from across the youth justice sector to create a community of youth justice specialists. Keynote speakers include, the Rt Hon. the Baroness Hale of Richmond DBE, former President of the Supreme Court.

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



The Youth Justice Legal Centre 'Youth Justice Summit' (Just For Kids Law) will also be attending the April 2020 AYM Executive.

Time to get it right: The state of youth court in England and Wales



The Centre for Justice Innovation and the Institute for Crime and Justice Policy Research is holding an event to launch of their new report on the state of practice in Youth Court; the culmination of a multi-year research programme into how well they are functioning to meet the needs of children and young people.

Key speakers include, Linda Logan - Magistrates Association, Kate Aubrey-Johnson - Child rights and youth justice expert adviser, Mark Blake - Councillor and Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Engagement, London Borough of Haringey



An “immersive installation” from Reality ART, will bring to life the findings of the report and allow the voices of children and young people to be heard on this topic.

The launch takes place on: **25th March, 2020**
at Crowne Plaza,
Kings Cross, London
13:00-15:30

To book your place [click here](#)



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We has more than 2,750 followers who receive frequent updates on issues relating to Youth Justice and YOT Managers.
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AYM Regional Representatives

Below is the list of regional representatives across the country, with email addresses. Please contact your regional representative if there are issues you want to raise. We welcome your input.

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