



**The Association of Youth Offending Team Managers (AYM)
response to HMI Probation 2021 statutory consultation**

About the AYM

The AYM is a professional association representing the majority of youth offending teams (YOT) and their managers in England.

Section 39 (1) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires the co-operation of the named statutory partners to form a YOT. Section 38 (1, 2) identifies the statutory partners and places upon them a duty to co-operate in order to secure youth justice services appropriate to their area. These statutory partners are the local authority, police, the probation service, and health. To support the YOT, additional partners may also be recruited to the joint strategic effort to prevent offending by children and young people.

The Association is able to draw on the wealth of knowledge and the breadth of members' experience to promote public understanding of youth crime issues and to play its part in shaping the youth crime agenda.

Our members run services providing community-based supervision for children and young people who offend. We also work with children in custody and work closely with staff in secure units and young offender institutions to ensure that young people receiving custody experience as smooth a transition as possible into custody and back in to the community.

The AYM welcomes the opportunity to provide a response to HMI Probation 2021 statutory consultation:

Consultation Question	AYM responses
<p>Thematic inspections. Taking into account the criteria above, do you have any alternative proposals for thematic topics for 2021-2022?</p>	<p>50 % of responses stated No alternative topics offered.</p> <p>50 % responded with alternatives suggesting other themes such as Harmful Sexual Behaviour, Education, Training and Employment for children in youth justice system, Children Looked After and their overrepresentation in the CJS with two suggesting Child Criminal Exploitation alongside Serious Youth Violence thematic (including the application of NRM and the vexed binary construction of exploiter/exploited)</p>
<p>Consultation questions – research projects. Taking into account the criteria above, do you have any alternative</p>	<p>83% stated No alternative research proposals offered.</p> <p>17% proposing Child Criminal Exploitation alongside Serious Youth Violence as additional research project (including the application of NRM and the the vexed binary construction of exploiter/exploited)</p>

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