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News from the AYM Executive Board



In response to the structural review undertaken on the capacity of the AYM Executive a Development Day was held on the 16th March where members of the executive discussed a number of recommendations which included:

- Roles of regional representatives
- Succession planning
- Portfolio leads
- Representation of member's views
- Closer alliance with YOT Managers Cymru
- Increasing capacity to respond to consultations
- Communication Strategy
- Generating income

Regional Representatives and members views

It was agreed that our regional reps will ensure that there are closer links with our members to ensure we are aware of changes in YOT Managers and membership fees. **Don't forget to tell us if someone is replacing you as a member of your YOS and also consider YOS membership rather than an individual membership.** Our regional reps agreed a process for ensuring your views as members are always represented at our exec meetings, so **please get in touch with your regional reps and let them know of any issues within your areas and ask them about what we are up to in the exec group.**

We also agreed that we would appoint deputy regional reps as this supports succession planning, professional development and ensures your voice is always heard at exec meetings, recognising that our exec members all do this in addition to their day job. The deputy regional reps can be appointed from across the region and could include operational managers from YOTs.

We had some great feedback from our newly appointed regional reps on their learning as they have begun this role and we will use this information to ensure that induction is robust and meets the needs of our reps.

Executive meetings

We hold 5 of these meetings a year and apart from the AGM our members don't get to see how the meeting runs and the priorities we are working on. We are therefore **considering whether to provide a virtual link for members which would enable you to observe the meetings so we would like to hear your views on this.**

Communication strategy

We would like to explore a communication strategy and whether we have got this right. The feedback received from our members indicated that the bulletin was really appreciated and there was good use of our website but we would like to explore other ways of communicating with our members and across the sector. We will update you in due course.

Portfolio areas and increasing capacity to respond to consultations

We currently have over 20 portfolio areas and we always struggle to get leads to fill these. Many of them are outdated and we have decided to narrow down the focus significantly and choose around 6 areas. The **suggested areas as our priorities are as follows:**

Prevention and Diversion – this would include all early intervention and prevention and out of court disposals;

Disproportionality and Diversity – this will include the strands of equality and equal access to services such as health, education;

Contextualised Safeguarding – this will include all exploitation and serious violence;

Custody and Resettlement – this will focus on the secure estate/community responses but will also include children who are held in police cells;

Transitions – this will include all transitions whether this is to NPS or health;

Sector Led Improvement – this will include all of the work undertaking by the youth justice sector improvement programme

We would really like to hear your views on our suggested priorities and whether there is anything else you think we should be focusing on.

We also agreed that we would have people nominated to be part of reference groups for each area so that it didn't fall to one lead to undertake all the work. These reference groups could come together to respond to consultations/policy changes. Again we are considering providing a virtual link so that more of our members could attend to observe. **If you are interested in joining a reference group please get in touch.**

Generating income

Members will be aware that we put up membership fees last year and we are reluctant to do this again at this time but we need to make sure that AYM is sustainable moving forward. We have therefore decided to commission a piece of work to explore our income generation options which will be presented in due course.

Closer Alliance with YOT Managers Cymru

We would like to explore with our Welsh colleagues how we can work closer together and so our chair will explore this in her regular catch ups with the chair of YOT Managers Cymru.

Changes in exec roles this year

As myself as chair, both **our treasurer and secretary will be stepping down this year** after too many years of service to count. **Please could you consider whether you could fulfil either of these latter roles**, otherwise we struggle to function in the coming years and these two roles are vital to the smooth running of the AYM. if you are interested in either of these roles please get in touch and have a chat.

If you have any feedback on our proposed developments please could you email Lesley at Lesley.tregear@aym.org.uk

It was a great day which we hope will provide a foundation for further progression and success for the AYM. Many thanks to those of our members that helped to formulate our thinking by responding to the survey and participating in interviews.

Hazel

Regional Representatives

Regional Representatives are key to the AYM's engagement with its members and we are pleased to say that following nomination from members in her region, Kathy Gill joined the Executive Board as regional representative for the North West region.



Kathy is the Service Manager for the Youth Justice Service on the Wirral where she has worked for 22 years, after starting as a volunteer back in the 2000. Kathy has held numerous roles in the service before becoming Service Manager in 2018.

Of joining the AYM Executive, Kathy said:

'This is a new role for me and something I am looking forward to, the focus on 'child first, offender second' is extremely important to me and I am hoping I can bring my skills, knowledge and experience to the role.'

Our Vice Chair, Jacqui Belfield-Smith who has been working hard to ensure all the regional representative roles are filled, said of Kathy's appointment:

'It is so good to see all the regional representative filled once again, they are such an important role in the AYM organisation. We are sure that Kathy's experience and enthusiasm will be of great benefit to the North West region and the Executive;

Welcome aboard Kathy.'

Roundtable Discussion

Following the publication of the joint ADCS/aym/LGA policy paper '**A Youth Justice System that Works for Children**', Jacqui Belfield-Smith, who led this work for the AYM, attended a roundtable with the AYM, LGA, ADCS, Ministry of Justice, Youth Justice Board (YJB), Youth Custody Service (YCS), and Department for Education, to discuss the recommendations.

Colleagues were broadly supportive of the proposals; a response to the four recommendations for the YJB has been issued in which the following were partially accepted:

- *The YJB should bring forward new investment in the community workforce, namely YOTs, with a particular focus on developing a clear route of progression for experienced staff;*
- *A review of YJB funding for YOTs and the prioritisation of existing funding e.g., greater focus on prevention and diversion as well as bringing funding for remand placements in line with actual costs;*
- *The YJB should explore the provision of additional entitlements to support for children in conflict with the law up to 25 years to support transitions to adulthood;*

The recommendation '*To support the cultural shift to a Child First system, the YJB should develop a set of common principles and values to be utilised in training and development offers across the wider workforce. Children's voices and experiences should be central to this*', was accepted.

To read the joint publication [click here](#)

Sad Farewell

Hannah Brandon

We were so sad to hear that our colleague and dear friend Hannah Brandon (née Doughty) passed away last weekend. Hannah who had been Head of Liverpool Youth Offending Service before moving to Croydon as Head of Adolescent Services, had such enthusiasm for youth justice and the children and young people we all work with.

When she joined the AYM Executive as the North West Regional Representative she brought that same enthusiasm to the role, making sure that messages from and to the region were shared and always played an active part in Executive Board meetings.



Hannah was also one of those who helped swell the ratio of women on the Executive Board - something she enjoyed along with her other female colleagues. When she moved to London to be with her then fiancé Charlie, she continued her work and support for the AYM, even hosting an Executive Board meeting in the Croydon offices. Hannah remained as an Observer on the AYM Executive even though she was no longer a regional representative, only standing down when her further promotion took her away from youth justice - but she continued to be a strong advocate on our behalf.



Hannah gave evidence at a select committee on behalf of the AYM and attended many meetings with the YJB and MoJ to champion youth justice. Members of the AYM Executive and colleagues across the country have lost a friend and colleague, luckily we won't have lost our memories of Hannah as the bright star she was and someone who never lost her passion and enthusiasm to improve the lives of children in the youth justice system. Hannah had a zest for life, an infectious laugh and always wore the best shoes and lippy.

Our condolences go to Hannah's husband Charlie, her family, friends and all her colleagues who will be missing her. Each will have their own unique memories of an exceptional woman who made such a difference to many people's lives.

Thank you, Hannah, for everything you did to support children and young people, and for your contributions to the AYM. We will miss you.

AYM Executive Board



Root and Branch Review of the Parole System Published

Reforms Announced

The Ministry of Justice has published its report on the root and branch review of the parole system in which it found that improvements resulting from recent reviews means ***‘the parole system works effectively for the majority of cases’***, however, further improvement is required.

The report argues that *‘over the years and in the absence of Parliamentary intervention’* the Parole Board’s application of the statutory release test has *‘drifted from its original intention’*, and *‘courts have interpreted the Board’s task as a ‘balancing exercise’, considering the competing interests of the prisoner and the protection of the public.’*



Justice Secretary Dominic Raab announced the reforms of the Ministry of Justice and the HM Prison and Probation Service, which include:

- Ensuring the wording of legislation is clear that the only priority is whether a prisoner is safe to release, and the adoption of a new ‘precautionary approach’ to decisions related to the release of the most serious offenders;
- Greater ministerial scrutiny on the release of the most dangerous offenders, including a new power to block their release in the interests of public safety;
- Changing the law to increase the proportion of Parole Board members from policing backgrounds, and ensure they sit on hearings for the most dangerous offenders.

The reforms also include the requirement to Parole boards required to consider submissions from victims when making release decisions, as a result changes to the Parole Board Rules will remove the current legal requirement that all parole hearings must be held in private:

- Victims will be given the chance to attend hearings as an observer and ask questions;
- The Parole Board will trial more detailed decision letters for victims, explaining their thinking more clearly and increasing transparency;
- Along with victims, the media and prisoners will be able to apply for a hearing to be held publicly.

Key to achieving further improvements in the effectiveness, efficiency and performance of the parole system will be the role of the new Parole System Oversight Group and the establishment of independent third-party scrutiny arrangements, as recommended by the Tailored Review.

To read the review [click here](#)

Young Women's Justice Project

Report published

The 'Young Women's Justice Project', a partnership between Agenda and the Alliance for Youth Justice (AYJ) has published its final report **'We've not given up": Young women surviving the criminal justice system'**.



The report looks into young women's pathways into the criminal justice system in collaboration with young women and expert practitioners. The research lays bare the experiences of girls and young women in the criminal justice system and calls on the Ministry of Justice to make urgent reforms, showing that without immediate attention, girls and young women will remain marginalised and locked in a cycle of harm, inequality, and re-offending.

The authors argue that girls and young women are 'ignored across the system' highlighting a number of government reports and policy documents that fail to take account of the needs of females in the criminal justice system.

The research shows how:

- Young women in contact with the criminal justice system have limited access to specialist support despite extreme levels of need and face blame, re-traumatisation and discrimination whilst in contact with statutory services.
- Up to 90% of girls in contact with the youth justice system have experienced abuse from a family member or someone they trusted
- 63% of girls and young women serving community sentences have experienced rape or domestic abuse
- Disbelieved and struggling to make their voices heard, young women report that they have lost trust in the system, particularly when they have been held in police custody or prison.
- Black, Asian and minoritised young women and young women with experience of the care face greater barriers still in accessing safety and support as overlapping forms of stigma and discrimination put them at greater risk of criminalisation.
- To end the cycle of harm, inequality and offending. Decision-makers must work to rebuild young women's trust in systems and services, recognise the realities of their lives, and value their input.

The report concludes with recommendations regarding policy, practice and funding and commissioning to support the needs of girls and young women in the criminal justice system.

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

SEND review: right support, right place, right time

Green Paper Consultation Commences

The Department of Education and the Department of Health and Social Care have opened a consultation seeking views on the green paper about the changes to the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and alternative provision (AP) system in England. The 13 week consultation process closes on 1st July, 2022.

The SEND Review: Right support, right place, right time, published on 29th March, 2022, sets out proposals for a single national SEND and AP system that will introduce new standards in the quality of support given to children across education, health and care.



The proposals form part of a package of education measures following on from the Schools White Paper, outlining a vision for a more inclusive, consistent, transparent and accountable SEND system. The aim is to offer children and young people the opportunity to thrive, with access to the right support, in the right place, and at the right time, so they can fulfil their potential and lead happy, healthy and productive adult lives.

The proposals include, amongst others:

- Setting new national standards across education, health and care;
- A simplified Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP);
- A new legal requirement for councils to introduce 'local inclusion plans' that bring together early years, schools and post-16 education with health and care services;
- Improving oversight and transparency through the publication of new 'local inclusion dashboards' to make roles and responsibilities of all partners within the system clearer for parents and young people;
- A new national framework for councils for banding and tariffs of High Needs;
- Changing the culture and practice in mainstream education to be more inclusive and to improve earlier identification of needs
- Improving workforce training;
- A reformed and integrated role for alternative provision (AP), within local SEND systems.

The proposals are backed by new funding to implement them, worth £70 million. This will build on the £9 billion government investment in local authority high needs budgets next year and £2.6 billion for new places for children with SEND over the next three years.

To read more and complete the online consultation [click here](#)

Expanding the Role of Police and Crime Commissioners

Home Secretary Announces New Measures

Priti Patel has announced new measure to strengthen the role of Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) and elected Mayors.



The role of PCCs has been the subject of a two-part internal review, with part one of the review focusing on making it easier for the public to hold their PCC to account for their record on *'delivering the safer streets that they deserve'*.

This has led to the provision of a wider functional power of competence so PCCs have parity with the equivalent powers held by fire and rescue authorities and most mayoral combined authorities with the aim of providing the 'right tools and powers to work with their partners to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour'. It has also led to the commitment to consult with policing partners on a refresh of the policing protocol order.

Part two of the review has also informed the newly announced measures which the Home Secretary argues will *ultimately help people judge their PCC at the ballot box*. The measures include, amongst others:

- A new statutory duty to lock-in collaborative working between PCCs and the Probation Service;
- Working with the Ministry of Justice and HMPPS to produce guidance on the PCC role in unpaid work, including how they work with Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to canvass community views on opportunities for unpaid work;
- Giving PCCs a central role on Local Criminal Justice Boards, supporting PCCs in their work on Violence Reduction Units and conducting an in-depth review of Community Safety Partnerships;
- Supporting PCCs to secure effective policing in their area by working with Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary, Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) and wider criminal justice partners to improve the quality of, and PCC access to, performance information against the National Crime and Policing Measures;
- Working with the Ministry of Justice, the Information Commissioner's Office, and other criminal justice partners to develop national guidance on data sharing between criminal justice partners, including PCCs;
- Working with the LGA and WLGA to develop and assess options for how a regional panel support secretariat could work within the existing grant funding envelope.

To read more and access recommendations from part two of the review (Annex A) [click here](#)

'A perfect storm for children at risk?'

New Policy Briefing Published

The Association of Youth Justice (AYJ) has published the first of three policy briefings for its '*Impact of COVID-19 on Youth Justice*' research project, delivered in collaboration between AYJ and the Manchester Centre for Youth Studies at Manchester Metropolitan University, and funded by the Economic and Social Research Council. The briefings explore the challenges and opportunities created by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on children and the youth justice system.



This first briefing explores the significant risk of a surge in the number of children drawn into the justice system following the COVID-19 pandemic as a result of:

- the exacerbation of children's vulnerabilities
- support services under severe strain
- and the complex and challenging policy context.

The paper discusses the difficulties experienced for children in all aspects of their lives –some difficulties have been experienced as a result of the children's contact with the criminal justice system which has led to feelings amongst those interviewed of unfair/disproportionate treatment. Some of the difficulties have arisen from increased competing demands on service provision that is under pressure itself, such as access to youth services, education and health, including specialist provision. However, whilst everyone has experienced the impact of the pandemic in some way, that author's quote below encapsulates the increased impact on children:

"We have to stop this idea that we've all been through the same storm. We might have done, but certainly not in the same boat" - Director, Research in Practice.

The authors argue that concerted, coordinated action is required to respond to children at risk, and make recommendations for policymakers and commissioners; calling for:

- vulnerable children to be at the heart of policy and practice
- a drive for maximum diversion.

The briefing draws on our comprehensive literature review, in-depth interviews with national stakeholders, consultation sessions with AYJ members and Young Advocates, and a series of research papers by the project partners at Manchester Metropolitan University.

To read the policy briefing [click here](#)

To read more about the Impact of COVID-19 on Youth Justice Project [click here](#), and

To access the full literature review [click here](#)





Other News

Young Advocates for Youth Justice

LAST CHANCE TO APPLY!

The Alliance for Youth Justice and Leaders Unlocked are looking for children and young people to become Young Advocates for youth justice.

Do you know any children or young people who:

- *are aged 14-20 and live anywhere in England and Wales*
- *have been affected by the youth justice system*
- *can be 'experts through their experience'*
- *want to influence policy and make positive change in the youth justice system*



To find out more and apply [click here](#)

It would be great to have more children known to YOTs involved in this important work!

As part of the HMPPs Insights 2022 Festival that brings people together from across the criminal justice system to learn, share, connect and celebrate the excellent and innovative work undertaken, the Young Advocates will be leading discussions which explore how to ensure children and young people are at the heart of objectives and influencing.

The event will take place online on:

Thursday 12th May, 12pm – 1.30pm.

To register for a place [click here](#).



[New Criminal Justice Scorecard Published](#)



The government has published its first 'Criminal Justice Scorecard' bringing together data from criminal justice partners across the system - police, the Crown Prosecution Service and the courts, in an attempt to increase transparency and understanding of the criminal justice system and to support collaboration, particularly at a local level through local criminal justice boards (LCJBs).

To access the scorecard [click here](#)

[National Inspection into Police Response to CSE](#)

The Home Secretary has announced that following a number of reviews into child sexual/exploitation, HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services into the response by police forces dealing with such crimes. As a result of this inspection the Home Secretary aims to 'ensure learning from past mistakes is being applied by police forces across the country, so that they can respond effectively to all victims and bring more offenders to justice.

To read more [click here](#)



[Strip Search of 'Child Q'](#)

Following the strip search of a 15 year old black female, 'Child Q', by the police at her school in December 2020, with no appropriate adult present, a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review this month concluded that Child Q should never have been strip searched. The incident and resultant report has raised a great deal of concern in the community.

Commander Dr Alison Heydari of the Metropolitan's Frontline Policing said:

"While we await the findings of the Independent Office for Police Conduct investigation, we have already taken action to ensure that our officers and staff have a refreshed understanding of the policy for conducting a 'further search' and advice around dealing with schools, ensuring that children are treated as children'.

To read the Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review report [click here](#)

Social Work England Regulatory Framework: Consultation

The Department for Education and Social Work England have opened a consultation on the proposed technical changes to Social Work England's regulatory framework.



The consultation seeks views on proposed changes to Social Work England's:

- duty to co-operate
- registration of social workers
- discipline and fitness to practise proceedings
- powers of intervention.

In addition, there are also proposed changes to address anomalies in provisions to other legislation and the listed offences.

The deadline for responses to the consultation is 11th May

To find out more [click here](#)

Contributions to Safer Communities Journal Required



The Call for Papers is now open for a special issue of the Safer Communities journal on the ***Theory and practice of co-production and co-creation in Youth Justice:***

The purpose of this special issue is to offer a critical perspective on the facilitators and barriers to the theory and practice of co-production and co-creation in youth justice. It is anticipated that articles will present evidence and research both nationally and internationally, on how to reverse unequal power dynamics by utilising children's knowledge and expertise, while also gaining trust and empathy through the sharing of lived experiences. More specifically, this involves discussion on how principles of co-production can be utilised in the field of youth justice with those under supervision.

Guest editors for this publication are:

- Dr Sean Creaney. Senior Lecturer in Criminology. Edge Hill University.
- Dr Samantha Burns. Lecturer in Criminology. Durham University.
- Dr Anne-Marie Day. Lecturer in Criminology. Keele University.

Submissions can be provided between 10th March 2022 and 29th August 2022

For more information on this special issue and submitting a paper [click here](#)

Children and Young People Now Awards 2022

Children and Young People Now (CYPN) has opened nominations for its annual awards.

The CYPN awards have numerous categories including a number that youth justice services qualify for, such as the 'Youth Justice Award', aimed at youth justice service provision.



Closing date for entries is 24th June, 2022.

This years' CYP Now Awards ceremony will take place in London on Thursday 24 November 2022.

To find out more [click here](#)

HMI Probation: Academic Insight

Transitional Safeguarding

HMI Probation has published the latest Academic Insight on transitional safeguarding.



In this article, Dez Holmes, Director of Research in Practice, and Lisa Smith, Assistant Director at Research in Practice, introduce an overview Transitional Safeguarding as a concept which requires a more fluid non-binary approach to safeguarding, recognising that the transition to adulthood is a process that is not dependent on achieving a specific age but rather one that requires an understanding of the individual's developmental needs and a participatory approach to working with them.

The authors explore the implications for practitioners, services, strategic partnerships and policy makers.

To read the article [click here](#)

New Research Papers on COVID-19 Published

The Manchester Metropolitan project exploring the impacts of COVID-19 on the youth justice system, in partnership with the AYJ, has published two papers with a focus on the impacts on youth courts.

The findings comprise of interviews with the CPS NW, defence solicitors and legal advisors.

To read research paper 5 [click here](#)

To read research paper 6 [click here](#)



Vacancies

Leeds Youth Justice Service is Recruiting for a Practice Manager

Leeds Youth Justice Service is seeking to recruit a youth justice practice manager who wants to improve outcomes for children and young people, within the context of Leeds' aim to be a Child Friendly and Restorative City.



The role is a challenging one, and requires a confident, motivated individual who is prepared to work collaboratively to develop and improve practice across the Service. You will need show that you can work restoratively and holistically and that you are skilled in coaching others and overseeing practice, with an understanding of and commitment to child-first principles. You will need to have a detailed understanding of what good youth justice practice looks like and how to work with others in a culture of high support and high challenge.

Applicants will need a CQSW/DipSW/Diploma in Probation Studies/Diploma in Youth and Community Work/Foundation Degree in Youth Justice or equivalent

For an informal discussion about this post please call **0113 3782055** or email leeds.yos.admin@leeds.gov.uk

Closing date for all applications is 8th April

Interviews to be held 25th and 26th April

Reach More Potential Candidates for Your Vacancies

Don't forget to let the AYM know of any vacancies you have so that we can add to them to the 'Sector Vacancy' section of the AYM website and advertise them in the monthly bulletin.



Increase your reach when recruiting – the Bulletin is delivered to all AYM members as well as more than 150 different external stakeholders and with many visitors to our website each month, from across the criminal justice sector we hope this will be beneficial to your service (or organisation).

If you wish to advertise a vacancy on the AYM website, there is a short form you can complete, which will you can access now by [clicking here](#).

Fill in the form and we will do the rest!



Dates for Your Diary

Calendar of events for AYM 2022



Title	Date	Venue
Executive Board meeting	27 th April, 2022 at 1pm	Virtual
Executive Board meeting	23 rd June, 2022 at 8:30am	Staffordshire
AYM Conference	23 rd June, 2022 at 10am	Staffordshire
Annual General Meeting	23 rd June, 2022 at 2pm	Staffordshire

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 between Bulletins, please look at our website:

aym.org.uk

Alliance for Youth Justice Members' Meeting and AGM

This meeting and AGM will be held virtually on:

Thursday 21st April from 2-4pm

To register for a place [click here](#)



Exploring the Impact of Covid-19 on the Youth Justice System

The Manchester Centre for Youth Studies at the Manchester Metropolitan University and the Alliance for Youth Justice will be holding an event to share the research findings from the research project – ‘*Exploring the Impact of Covid-19 on the Youth Justice System.*’ The event will take place on:

Wednesday 27th April from 10am-2pm

at Manchester Metropolitan University.



Child-First Diversion in Practice: Lancashire Webinar

This workshop aims to disseminate a summary of the learning we have taken from the last two years as a YJB Pathfinder.

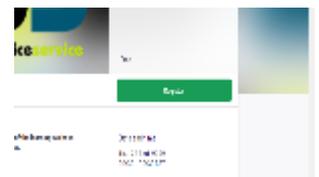
Presenters will provide key information about how to develop a Child First Diversion service and a ‘first glimpse’ of the findings from the evaluation by the University of Central Lancashire.

The webinar takes place on:

Thursday 28th April, 2022

09:30 – 12:30

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



Disrupting the Routes between Care and Custody for Girls and Women

The Centre for Child and Family Justice Research is holding an online launch event to share key insights from the Nuffield-Foundation funded project on Disrupting the Routes between Care and Custody for Girls and Women:

Wed, 4th May, 2022

10:00am – 11:30am

The project, led by Lancaster University in partnership with Liverpool John Moore's University and the University of Bristol, has explored the neglected issue of girls and women who move between the care and criminal justice systems.

The project team will present key findings from the research which drew on interviews with imprisoned women who have been in care, and with girls and young women with care-experience and youth justice contact in the community, as well as interviews with a range of professionals working across the care and criminal justice systems, and analysis of local protocols aimed at preventing the unnecessary criminalisation of children in care.

For more information and register for a place [click here](#)



'The Future for Youth Justice'

As part of the COVID-19 research project with Manchester Metropolitan University, the Alliance for Youth Justice (AYJ) is holding a Parliamentary event, sponsored by Rob Butler MP.

The event will provide a forum for discussing the implications of the pandemic for the future of the youth justice system, and what action is needed from policymakers and parliamentarians. The event takes place on:

Monday 20th June 2.30pm-5.30pm

If you are a member of the AYJ and would like to attend, please contact:

millie.harris@ayj.org.uk



Please note the AYM is a member of the AYJ and are eligible to attend.

AYM Spring Conference and AGM

Outline Agenda



Thursday 23rd June, 2022
at
Staffordshire Place One,
Tipping Street, Stafford,
ST16 2DH

10am registration

10:30am Conference commences

1pm Lunch

2pm AGM commences *(for AYM members only)*

Please note, a full agenda will be made available in future bulletins.

ADCS Annual Conference 2022



6th – 8th July, 2022
Midland Hotel in Manchester

The conference is exclusively for ADCS members, with the first day reserved open only to Directors of Children's Services.

For more information visit the conference pages on the ADCS website by [clicking here](#)

National Children and Adult Services Annual Conference



2nd- 4th November, 2022
Manchester

The event is aimed at all those from local and central government, voluntary organisations and the private sector with an interest in the provision of effective services for children, young people, their families and vulnerable adults, including health, social care and education.

For more information [click here](#)



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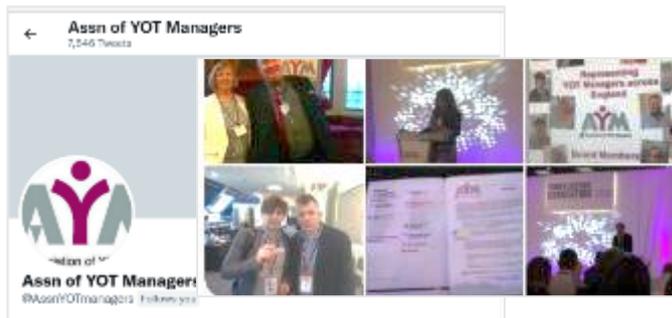
We have more than 3,000 followers who receive frequent updates on issues relating to youth justice and YOT Managers. It's easy to sign up - our username is:

[@AssnYOTmanagers](https://twitter.com/AssnYOTmanagers)



See also the **'latest news'**

section at <http://aym.org.uk>



Via our website <http://aym.org.uk/about-us/contact-us>

Via Twitter [@AssnYOTmanagers](https://twitter.com/AssnYOTmanagers)

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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.

[Click here](#) for details of all Executive Board members.

East	Pat Jennings <i>Bedfordshire YOS</i>				
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