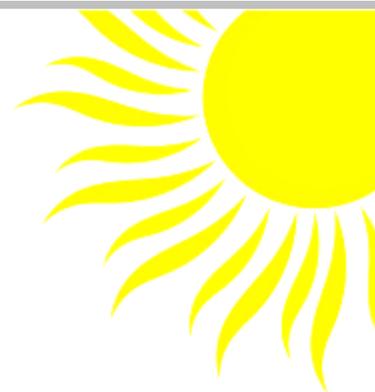


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News from the AYM Executive Board



Conference and AGM

The AYM held its conference and AGM on the 23rd June – despite the national train strike! Luckily, in these post COVID-19 days, the event was hybrid and delegates unable to attend in person were able to log onto the event and participate virtually. Delegates heard about the work of the ADCS in supporting the AYM and youth justice services, and about the Framework for Integrated Care. Katie Shoebridge, Programme Officer for Prevention and Diversion gave a presentation of progress to date and also took a poll regarding questions on funding, governance, partnerships, accessibility, screening/assessments and data and evaluation. Slides from the conference and information from Katie's poll can be found by [clicking here](#)



We had hoped to present a number of Quality SEND Awards at the end of the conference, however due to some technical difficulties with running a hybrid conference this was not as successful as we would have liked and some attendees never gained admittance to the virtual room. We apologise to those youth justice partnerships attending, we had hoped to provide some quality feedback to you on your achievements. We will be holding an autumn conference with presentations of awards at the commencement of the conference which will set the scene and a benchmark for the speakers following, who will be presenting on the ETE thematic. If in the meantime, YOTs would like their awards to be presented virtually at a YOT Partnership Board meeting please contact phil.sutton@aym.org.uk. Once again, apologies to those YOTs affected.





The AGM appointed a number of positions on the board, including the role of Chair to which Jacqui Belfield-Smith from Stockport, was appointed. Jacqui, previously Vice Chair will continue delivering the current strategy and helping drive the AYM agenda further.

Charlie Spencer was appointed to the role of Vice Chair. A long-standing member of the AYM, Charlie was, until recently, the regional representative of the south east region, a position now held by Anna Harbridge of Southampton YOS. Charlie is in a great position to bring his experiences of diverse YOT communities to support the AYM in representing a 'national voice'.



The AGM saw two very long-standing members of the AYM Executive stand down. Ian Langley who has been involved with the AYM since its inception and has held, among other roles, the position of the AYM secretary for 17 years, stepped down from the role and was replaced by Jessica Edwards of Hackney YOT, previously Assistant Secretary.

Gareth Jones has held a whole host of Executive Board roles over many years, including that of Chair. Gareth decided it was time for him to step down and Tom Dooks, previous Observer to the Board, replaced him as an Additional Member.



In recognition of their longevity with the AYM and the work that they carried out on behalf of the Executive and the membership, Ian and Gareth were awarded Life Membership of the AYM and thanks were expressed by members regarding their numerous contributions to the association over a prolonged period of active membership.

Thanks Gareth and Ian, you've done a outstanding job!

Are you interested in becoming an active member of the AYM Executive Board? We have vacancies for the **role of regional representatives of the East Midlands and the Yorkshire and Humberside regions**. If you are interested in taking on one of these roles please contact lesley.tregear@aym.org.uk

A Few Words from our New Chair

I was very pleased and honoured to be elected to the role of AYM Chair at the AGM - although Hazel will be a hard act to follow, I'm sure. Having previously been on the AYM Exec in different guises; as an Observer, the North West Regional Rep and the Vice-Chair, the AYM is very important to me, as it is to so many of our members, giving youth justice leaders a collective voice from the sector with which to influence policy-makers nationally.



As chair, with support from others within the Executive, we will continue the AYM's long-standing drive to improve outcomes for children in the criminal justice system, and use feedback from members to work with the YJB, other government departments and professional bodies, to ensure that the rapidly emerging agenda for prevention and early intervention takes account of the diverse local perspectives and we are able to learn from, and share best practice, from others within the sector.

The AYM is keen to ensure that we represent the national perspective of our members and we continue to hear the voice from the regions. Following our recent internal structural review, I have been pleased to see the range of responses our members provide when responding to consultations and research, so will ensure that where members have expressed an interest in working more closely with the Executive, we offer opportunities for you to provide feedback.

We don't know what the next 12 months will bring but I do know that working together as we do, whatever happens we will make the most of it and continue to drive improvements for those we support. Thank you

Jacqui

Our work in June

In one of her last meetings as chair of the AYM, Hazel Williamson met with Keith Fraser and Claudia Sturt, Chair and Chief Executive of the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales (YJB), and agreed to seek the views of AYM members regarding the approach of police force areas in implementing '**Child Centred Policing**', the National Strategy for the Policing of Children & Young People', endorsed by the National Police Chiefs' Council in April 2015.

The strategy sets out four priority areas aligned to those identified within the All Party Parliamentary Group for Children Report '*Its all about trust; building good relationships between children and the police*' - stop and search; looked after children; detention, custody and criminalisation of children and young people; and the relationship between young people and the police. To read the strategy [click here](#). We would like to include your feedback in our next discussion with the YJB to ensure that a national perspective can be provided. If you have something you would like to share please contact lesley.tregear@aym.org.uk

Tom Dooks has also been busy discussing the work of youth justice services nationally and drawing on the experience of Cheshire Youth Justice Services to assist the understanding of the **Children and Young People Mental Health Coalition**, once agreed we will make Tom's feedback to the coalition available on the AYM website.

Diz Minnit has also been busy supporting some probing **amendments to the Schools Bill** on spoken language and communication. To read more about this [click here](#)

Congratulations



AYM John Hawkins Award

Wakefield YOT were unable to attend the AYM Conference on the 23rd June, so our secretary, Ian Langley, attended Wakefield YOTs team meeting virtually on the 7th June to present the team with the AYM John Hawkins Award 2022. The team won the award for its 'Holistic Approach to Education, Inclusion and Well Being'. Ian provided feedback from the young people who judged the award:

"We feel it is a good project that is relevant to all young people.' They were particularly impressed with the approach to developing young people's skills to try and improve successful engagement in education. 'If you don't know how to ask for help it can affect you, you need to know how to ask for help so you can get it'.



Congratulations to everyone at Wakefield YOT. As well as a certificate, the team receives a £500 cheque to support its creative and innovative work with children.

To read more about the AYM John Hawkins Award [click here](#)

Consultations

As a result of feedback received during the structural review of the AYM, we aim to convene reference groups to support the development of AYM responses to consultations; making the most of the expertise held amongst members. Two consultations have been published that are of interest to those working in youth justice services and the AYM will be considering both:

The Consultation on the eligibility rules of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme 2012 is calling for considerations regarding the 'unspent convictions rule', under which an award may be withheld or reduced where the applicant has an unspent conviction.

The consultation closes on 5th August 2022. For more information [click here](#).
If you wish to contribute to this consultation, please contact hazelwilliamson30@gmail.com

The consultation on the 'serious violence duty' is seeking views on the draft statutory guidance that will be issued by the Secretary of State under section 19 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022. The aim of the guidance is to support specified authorities, local policing bodies, educational, prison and youth custody authorities, any persons prescribed by the Secretary of State in regulations under section 10 of the PCSC Act 2022 in the exercise of their functions under the duty as set out in chapter 1 of part 2 of the act.

The deadline for submissions is the 21st July. For more information [click here](#)

If you wish to contribute to the AYM response to this consultation, please contact:

roni.checksfield@hartlepool.gov.uk or kathygill@wirrall.gov.uk

Response from Chief Probation Officer to AYM and ADCS Concerns

The AYM was very recently notified by the Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS) that its members in the north east region had recently been notified by Probation Services that they are withdrawing all secondees from youth justice teams for at least the next six months due to staff shortages; funding would be provided to recruit independently to the vacancies. This was obviously a real concern to the affected DCSs as the youth justice partnerships would not be able to meet their statutory responsibilities and the ADCS was rightly concerned about the additional stress this may cause to those being inspected.

As a result of ADCS and AYM questioning of the Probation Service intentions, the Chief Probation Officer, HM Prison and Probation Service Sonia Flynn issued the following letter on 29th June, 2022:



Dear Colleague

I am writing to update you on a recent letter that was circulated on 20 June 2022 sent by Karin O'Neill in relation to Probation resource within the Youth Justice Service.

Firstly, I would like to apologise for any concern that this letter has caused. Secondly, I would like to clearly state that there is currently no intention to remove Probation secondees from any Youth Justice Services. We would like to openly rescind the previous letter and any information contained within it should be disregarded.

It is correct that some probation regions are currently facing challenges around recruitment and are currently holding a number of vacancies. We have recently put in place several initiatives to help enhance our approach to recruitment and hope to see a positive impact on staffing numbers over the coming months. We continue to be committed to the principles set out in the National Partnership Framework (February 2022).

I hope this update reassures you that you will not see any detrimental effect on your current secondee provision and once again, I can only apologise for any concern this letter has caused.

If you would like to discuss anything further relating to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at chiefprobationofficer@justice.gov.uk but please be aware I am on leave from tomorrow.

If there are concerns regarding this issue in your youth justice service, or in your region please contact Mike Rees, the AYM portfolio lead for probation at mike.rees@n-somerset.gov.uk



Finally, as our new chair advised members at the recent AGM, we will also be sending the **AYM strategic plan** to members for comment.

We hope you will feel able to contribute to our development of future priorities for the association, to ensure that they meet the needs of members and youth justice services nationally.

Thank you in advance for your support and comments on these important issues

Youth Justice SEND Quality Awards

Two Services Achieve the Quality Lead with Child First Commendation

Torbay Area Partnership is the latest service to join the Youth Justice SEND Quality Assurance process, richly deserving a Quality Lead Award with Child First Commendation at its first attempt. Assessors said of Torbay's submission:

'The submission was supported by an excellent evidence trail, as well as case studies of effective practice.'

Torbay has instigated a compulsory rolling programme of SEN 'Increasing awareness' training for all new and existing Council staff. Within the YOS team, this is supplemented by monthly in-house professional development sessions on a range of topics such as trauma-informed practice, brain injury, the exclusion process as well as the work of speech and language therapists.

*Another local child first initiative is an outgrowth of the **SENDIAS (SEND Information and Advice Service)** offering a mediation service to families beyond the statutory SEND support role, including children with complex needs.'*

To read more about the Torbay Area Partnership award [click here](#)



Staffordshire Area Partnership also achieved redesignation of the Youth Justice SEND Quality Lead Award, this time with a Child First commendation.

Since achieving the Quality Lead Status in 2018, assessors found that Staffordshire YOS (SYOS) has 'fully embraced Child First and trauma-informed principles and practice' and this is reflected in funded initiatives, multiagency working and targeted interventions supported by newly appointed education training and employment (ETE) practitioners. These practitioners have an established presence in the county education/SEND environment and have developed links with education and training providers, and custodial establishments. The assessors said:

*'However, it is the **Area Partnership "ecology"** in which SYOS operates that is particularly worthy of note, driven by a county-wide desire to identify SEND and complex needs early, and meet these needs in mainstream school provision. After trials in one locality, Staffordshire has rolled out a system of '**SEND Hubs**' across the county that aim to identify and support children to reach their full potential. These hubs have devolved funding, co-managed with and by Headteachers, and follow the Graduated Response model triggered by factors such as changes in behaviour or a drop in attendance. The "why?" question is asked, rather than the more common systemic drivers that lead to sanctions, punishment and exclusion.'*

To read more about the work of Staffordshire Area Partnership that contributed to it achieving this award [click here](#)

Well done Torbay Area Partnership and Staffordshire Area Partnership!

Youth Justice Sector Improvement Partnership

The Youth Justice Sector Improvement Partnership (YJSIP) is a tripartite partnership between the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales (YJB), the Association of YOT Managers (AYM) and senior youth justice leaders. The Partnership provides improvement support for the sector, by the sector and always with the sector.



The YJSIP Board meeting in June received the end of year report which showed good progress made against all elements of the work programme with good feedback from recipients of sector improvement activity. We currently await confirmation of funding for 2022/23 which once received will enable the board to move forward on work for this current year and beyond.

The Operational Manager Training course has been delivered as part of YJSIP and aims to support managers and first line supervisors with their work in quality assurance of assessment and planning interventions. The course is developed and delivered by serving managers. After two years of delivery the YJSIP board asked the AYM to commission an independent evaluation of the impact that this training is having on practice. Following competitive tendering Dr Kerry Baker and Dr Chris Magill were invited to undertake the evaluation. We are grateful to them for their thorough piece of work which will inform future courses, and to all those managers who agreed to share their experience of the training. To read the report [click here](#)

Get Involved

In order to ensure that the YJSIP represents the views of the sector, the YJSIP Board includes regional representatives from across England and Wales. Currently there are a number of vacancies for regional representatives as shown in the table below. If you are interested in becoming part of the YJSIP Board and would like to take on a role representing the views of your region, please contact laura.kinsey@aym.org.uk

Area	Name	Area of Work
Co-Chairs	Tania Riedel Angie Fuller	
AYM Representative	Jacqui Belfield-Smith	AYM interest
YJB Representative	Jon Bradnum	YJB interest
Wales	James Warr	Operations Manager training course
London	Jane Bennett Ellanora Clarke Michelle Edwards	
East	Jennifer Meade	
North-East	Emma Blackwell	
South-West	Sally Churchyard	Coaching and Mentoring
South-East	Bea Nigolian	
South-East	Additional vacancy	
East Midlands	Vacant	If you are interested in taking on one of these roles, please contact: Laura.kinsey@aym.org.uk
North-West	Vacant	
Yorkshire & Humber	Vacant	
South Wales	Vacant	
Mid Wales	Vacant	
West Midlands	Vacant	
East Midlands	Vacant	

Commission on Young Lives Roundtable

A message and call for evidence to all youth justice managers from the Commission on Young Lives:



The Commission, launched last year, is an independent one-year review to devise local and national systems to prevent vulnerable children at risk of violence, gangs and exploitation becoming involved in the criminal justice system. We are seeking to evidence and design a new national system to prevent crisis in vulnerable young people and support them to succeed in life. All of us know that there are thousands of children in England growing up living very vulnerable lives, their chances of entering adulthood with positive opportunities and choices are low, and they are the children who as adults are more likely to be seen in our prisons or suffering from serious mental health problems or homelessness. There is now a wide acceptance that the system of keeping children safe is struggling to cope and needs reform. We are working thematically to identify how different areas of the national and local system could change to better help these children thrive. You can read our previous reports covering Care and Families [here](#)

Our recent report, [All Together Now: Inclusion not Exclusion](#), makes a series of recommendations aimed at stopping vulnerable children from falling through gaps in the education system and encouraging more inclusive schools. Not only are thousands of children leaving school every year without even the basic qualifications, but too many children are experiencing exclusion, in some cases putting them at risk of harm. We are particularly concerned by the recent DfE/MoJ research suggesting that 1 in 5 of those who are permanently excluded go on to receive a caution or sentence for a serious violence offence.

We now move onto our fourth thematic report reviewing mental health support – working with The Centre for Mental Health. The Commission on Young Lives is identifying solutions which can transform the outcomes of the most marginalised teenagers. We are keen to look at long term system changes that would make a difference. We will be putting forward recommendations for the policy changes needed and highlighting good and emerging practice.

It is vital that the Youth Offending Team are part of this conversation. *With help from the AYM, we are keen to invite you to join a roundtable event for us to discuss with you your experiences, trends and models of good practice for children at risk.*

This roundtable will provide the opportunity to:

- *Gather insights from YOT teams about priorities, trends and challenges for young people they are working with and their own work.*
- *Explore what works and emerging good practise?*
- *Hear what recommendations participants would like to see the Commission making to reduce the numbers of young people in the criminal justice system*

The event will take place on **Tuesday 26th July 1-3pm.**

To attend this event please contact Kelly.Pickard@oasisuk.org

To find out more about the Commission on Young Lives [click here](#)

How to Reduce Custodial Remand for Children



Good Practice Guide Published

Transform Justice has published a guide for local authorities to support their drive to reduce the use of custodial remand for children.

Transform Justice has produced a good-practice guide for reducing remand of children. The guide is based on a 2021 conference of London youth justice practitioners and follow-up meetings with local authorities in 2022. **Although the guide focuses on London, much is relevant to youth justice services across England and Wales.**

The document shares examples of how to scrutinise the police decision to remand, how youth justice services can build relationships with social care services relationships to tackle disproportionality in remand and improve bail package development. Transform Justice say:

'This guide is by no means complete: if your YJS has implemented initiatives to reduce the use of remand, please get in touch at policy@transformjustice.org.uk as we would love to hear from you'

To read the guide [click here](#)

To read more about Transform Justice [click here](#)

Lewisham's Use of the Social Graces Model

One such example of good practice cited in the Transform Justice guide is that of the 'Social Graces' model, used in reflective supervision sessions since 2017 by Lewisham YOS (LYOS). The 'Social Graces' model, developed by family therapist John Burnham et al (1992), primarily to represent aspects of *'difference in beliefs, power, and lifestyle, visible and invisible, voiced and unvoiced, to which we might pay attention to in our practice and supervision.*

Serena Mullings, Operations Manager: Therapy Hub at Lewisham YOS said:

'We wanted to move away from looking at a deficit language around 'diversity concerns' to a more inclusive, intersectional, and strengths-based view of 'diversity considerations.'

The Social Graces tool aligns with the LYOS TI-AR-RA Model, whereby children and families are provided an opportunity to explore aspects of their histories, values, and identity in order to promote positive relationships and connection with the practitioner; enabling better understanding of the child's 'context'.

The Social Grace's approach in practice enables practitioners to safely explore and celebrate commonalities as well as differences; supporting recognition of power differences and allowing practitioners to reflect on their own Social Graces and the influence this brings to thinking and practice.

To find out more about how Lewisham YOS use the Social Graces model email:

yos@lewisham.gov.uk

Thematic Inspection of ETE Services in YOTs

Report of a Joint Inspection Published

The report of the recent joint thematic inspection by HMI Probation, Ofsted and Estyn has been published, '**A joint inspection of education, training and employment services in youth offending teams in England and Wales**' in which the inspectorate highlights strengths, such as the consistent prioritisation of ETE work by youth justice partnership boards and delivery of specialist assessments and interventions



The report also identified areas for improvement including increased monitoring of children who are not making progress and whose vulnerability is increasing due to low levels of engagement in positive work. The thematic found gaps in provision and major barriers to participation, and concerningly 36% of the children in the case sample had a disability or neurodivergent condition and the inspection found that this group had the worst-quality support of any cohort looked at.

The inspectorates make a number of recommendations for government departments, the Youth Justice Board and Youth Justice Management Boards:

Government departments are called upon to address how the unidentified and unmet needs of YOT children can be prevented by earlier specialist assessment, intervention and support of vulnerable children.

The Youth Justice Board are recommended to revise the national indicator of ETE engagement to one that provides a more meaningful measure of performance, and one that will include levels of educational attainment.

YOT Management Boards are called upon to:

- ensure that all children supervised by the YOT have a comprehensive ETE assessment
- monitor, alongside the local authority, key aspects of ETE work for children working with the YOT, including:
 - develop ambitious aims for ETE work in the YOT, including the achievement of Level 2 English and Maths by every child
 - establish a greater range of occupational training opportunities for those children beyond compulsory school age
 - monitor and evaluate the levels of educational engagement and attainment in disproportionately represented groups within the YOT caseload in order to develop improvements.

To read the report [click here](#)

Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Impact on Youth Custody



The '*Impact of COVID-19 on Youth Justice*' **research project**, delivered in collaboration between the Manchester Centre for Youth Studies at Manchester Metropolitan University, and the Alliance for Youth Justice (AYJ) and funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, has published the 7th research brief in a series of papers exploring the impact of COVID-19 on a young offender institution (YOI). This is **the first case study that explores the impact of COVID-19 on a YOI**.

The research underpinning this paper was undertaken in an English YOI (referred to as 'YOI X') between September 2021 and January 2022 and involved interviews with senior management, wing staff, security staff, high dependency staff, and staff responsible for managing and minimising physical restraint. A participatory workshop was facilitated on site for six children, aged between 16 and 17 years, each of whom had been in custody since the start of the pandemic: two children who had been on remand during the early stages of the pandemic at YOI X and had since been released were involved in community workshops as part of this project.

The authors of the report, Professor Hannah Smithson, Dr Deborah Jump, and Andrea Nisbet, cite a number of findings showing the approaches taken by the establishment toward maintaining contact between the children detained in YOI X and their family, friends and professionals. The authors also highlight the approach taken toward children in the establishment such as activities, socialisation and, free time and in particular the use and levels of solitary confinement and restraint.

The authors make a number of conclusions and considerations for the secure estate in a post pandemic world which they argue are '**central for developing a safer, smaller, and more purposeful children's secure estate**'. These include the call for a change in the way the youth secure estate is structured, with fewer children sentenced to custody and '*a system underpinned by therapeutic services and practice*'. Changes made to the secure estate should ensure that a child first approach is taken.

The report argues that changes should be based on feedback from children, supported by investment by HM Prison and Probation Service to ensure this is gained through meaningful participation. Consideration is also given to re-prioritisation of 'purposeful activities' for children in custody, noting this needs to be balanced by providing children with a choice to how they spend their 'free' time.

The authors call for 'Purple Visits' the secure video calling platform used to enable children in custody to maintain contact with their family should continue, and that the cost of mobile calls is made free for children to contact family and friends.

To read the report and its recommendations for improvement [click here](#)

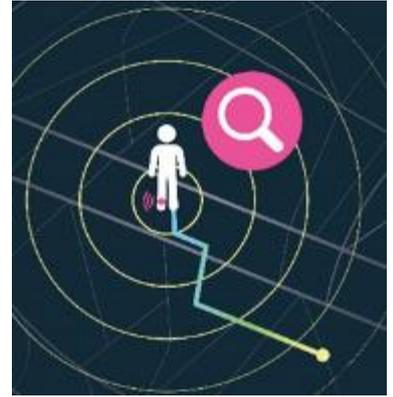
As part of the COVID-19 research project, **a film co-created with over 40 children, including some in custody has also been produced**. To view the film [click here](#)

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

Changes to Electronic Monitoring

The Electronic Monitoring Programme, keen to ensure that all youth offending teams are aware of changes regarding electronic monitoring, introduced by the Police, Crime, Sentencing, and Courts (PCSC) Act 2022, have provided the following information.

The Act received royal assent on 28th April 2022, with some provisions taking effect on 28th June 2022. Alongside other measures, the Act introduces changes in relation to electronic monitoring which will impact youth rehabilitation orders in the following ways:



Increase maximum daily curfew from 16 hrs to 20 hrs (weekly max remains 112 hours) for youth rehabilitation orders (YROs):

- The purpose is to strengthen community sentences and make curfew options more flexible;
- The changes also apply to non-electronically monitored curfews.

Making YOTs the responsible officer for youth rehabilitation orders (those that are currently placed with EMS):

- YOTs are aware of the child's individual circumstances and can make informed decisions in the event of a breach.

Adding trail monitoring for youth rehabilitation orders (mandatory for those with intensive supervision and surveillance (ISS)):

- This will provide a high-intensity alternative to custody and aims to give courts more confidence that children can be supervised in the community and use ISS in place of short custodial sentences.



These changes will come into effect on 28th June 2022, except for YRO trail monitoring requirements; before courts can impose this change, the provision must be commenced through secondary legislation. Details on the timing and scope will be shared at a later date.

All changes apply to those convicted on or after 28th June 2022, except for making YOTs the responsible officers for YROs which will apply to all live cases (i.e., a retrospective change).

The Electronic Monitoring Business Stakeholder and Change team and Youth Justice Policy team have held briefing sessions for Youth Justice staff about these changes. A session recording and FAQs are available on the Resource Hub.

For more information regarding the changes to Electronic Monitoring (EM) introduced by the Act, please email the EM Change Functional Mailbox at: EMChange@justice.gov.uk

News

Other News



The Future of Unpaid Work

Nigel Bennett and Phil Bowen of the Centre for Justice Innovation have published a report into the use of unpaid work that summarises the evidence on the impact of unpaid work, identifies good practice and seeks to understand challenges in its delivery, so it can be as purposeful and as effective as possible.

To read the report [click here](#)

"Get out, stay out" evaluation

The South and West Yorkshire Resettlement Consortium is keen to understand the take up of its 'Get Out, Stay Out' leaflet – if you haven't seen it yet [click here to read it](#).

If you have used this, information then the consortium would be grateful if you could complete a short survey to help its evaluation, it should take no more than 5 minutes to complete. To complete the survey [click here](#).

Independent Review of Social Cohesion and Resilience

Dame Sara Khan has been appointed by the Prime Minister as the Independent Adviser for Social Cohesion and Resilience at the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).

The department is calling for evidence regarding three main themes:

- experiences of those targeted by extremists and other divisive actors
- understanding the role of local authorities and public bodies in promoting cohesion and countering extremism
- supporting local communities and civil society to challenge extremism, develop community resilience and promote cohesion

The consultation is open until 23rd June



To read more about this consultation [click here](#)

Oasis Restore Launches Website



Oasis Restore has launched a website for the first secure school, which provides visitors with information regarding the organisation's vision and team and where recruitment opportunities will be advertised.

To visit the website [click here](#).

Interim Chief Executive Announced

The Alliance for Youth Justice (AYJ) has announced the appointment of an Interim Chief Executive, Saqib Deshmukh. Saqib will undertake this role for 12 months to cover the sabbatical of Pippa Goodfellow, the substantive Chief Executive, who will take this time to complete her PhD.



For more information [click here](#)

Upcoming Courses



Youth Justice Effective Practice Certificate (YJEPC)

Next cohort starting on **31.10.22** – Qualification accredited by Skills For Justice Awards.

Foundation Degree In Youth Justice

This vocational course applies contemporary research and evidence to the requirements of working within the Youth Justice Sector.

Next cohort starting on **3.10.22** - Accredited by the University of Suffolk.

Have you seen the new prospectus yet? Copies are available by post or as a PDF

To request a prospectus [click here](#)

To learn more about the youth justice accredited courses visit www.unitas.uk.net or call **01603 570365**

Tightening of Criteria for Movement to Open Prison

The government has introduced landmark reforms with the aim of restoring confidence in the Parole Board. These reforms include the tightening up of the rules on indeterminate sentenced offenders applying for a move to an open prison.



Individuals will now need to pass a three-step test and prove they are highly unlikely to abscond; that the move is essential for them to work towards future release; and the move would not undermine public confidence in the wider criminal justice system. The Deputy Prime Minister can block such a transfer if the individual fails to meet this test.

To read more about this change [click here](#)

**For Your
Diary!**

Dates for Your Diary

Calendar of events for AYM 2022/23



Title	Date	Venue
Executive Board meeting	6 th September, 2022	MS Teams
Autumn Conference	tbc	tbc
Executive Board meeting	December, 2022	tbc
Executive Board meeting	March, 2023	tbc
Executive Board meeting	June, 2023	tbc
Annual General Meeting	June, 2023	tbc

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

ADCS Annual Conference 2022

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

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

Key note speakers include the Secretary of State for Education, Rt Hon Nadhim Zahawi MP.

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



Alliance for Youth Justice Members' Meeting

The next online meeting for members of the Alliance for Youth Justice (AYJ) is:

Wednesday 13th July, 2022

2-4pm

The guest speaker at this event will be Alan Webster, Head of Youth Justice Policy Unit at the Ministry of Justice. Members will also meet the AYJ's incoming Interim Chief Executive.



The AYM is a member of the AYJ and are therefore able to attend this meeting if they wish. Please contact millie.harris@ayj.org.uk if you wish to receive an invitation to the meeting.

Tackling Serious Violence in Devon, Cornwall, and the Isles of Scilly: A Non-VRU response

Crest Advisory and Devon and Cornwall's Serious Violence Prevention Programme have worked in partnership to develop a response to serious violence on the peninsula, and in anticipation of the royal assent of the serious violence duty, are hosting a webinar discussing the development of this response and what lessons it has for other areas facing a similar challenge. The programme, informed by a strategic needs assessment, takes a public health approach to violence focusing on under 25yr olds as the key cohort.

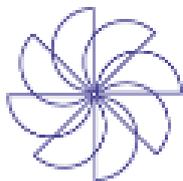
Due to the focus on young people and the serious violence duty's requirements around taking a multi-agency approach to reducing violence, the relationships with youth offending teams has been central to the work and as such YOT managers are encouraged to attend the event which takes place on:

Tuesday 19th July at 10:30am

via Zoom

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

National Children and Adult Services Annual Conference



**NATIONAL
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This conference will be held on:

2nd – 4th November, 2022

at

Manchester Central Exhibition Centre

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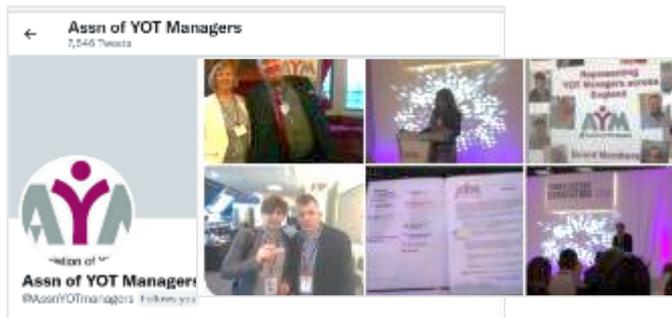
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