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News from the AYM Executive Board



This month those AYM project officers and executive members not taking a well-earned rest, have been working to finalise arrangements for the AYM Autumn Conference.

We have also been assisting our colleagues in the Ministry of Justice and the Home Office on current issues.

Firstly, an approach from the **Ministry of Justice (MoJ)** with regard to the ***Law Commission report on Unfitness to Plead (2016)***. Janey Sacoto and Baljit Wirk lead on youth courts in the MoJ and are keen to speak to AYM members regarding this issue. They report that the MoJ is planning to publish the government's response early next year, sending advice to ministers in October to support this.

The report concerns defendants who lack sufficient ability to participate meaningfully at trial and how they should be dealt with in the criminal courts, and makes recommendations for reform of the whole unfitness to plead framework, covering all courts.

One recommendation is about a supervision order (with or without a treatment requirement), which could be given to a child who has been found by the jury to have 'done the act or made the omission'. A supervision order could last up to 2 years and the recommendation is for a supervision order to be available in the youth court and for either a local authority social worker or a YOT worker to be the supervising officer. The recommendation from the Law Commission report and a related recommendation on breach of the order can be found at **10.49: Chapter 6 Clear responsibility for supervising individuals who lack capacity, and 10.74: Chapter 7 Sanctions for breach of a supervision order.**

A summary of the report and other supporting documents can be found on the Law Commission's website: [Unfitness to Plead | Law Commission](#)'.

If you have information you would like to provide to the MoJ to help them understand the operational context for youth justice services, please contact sacoto-wirk@justice.gov.uk

The Home Office seeks to hear from AYM members with regard to the independent review of the police-led sex offender management in the community. The review team are keen to understand the wider partnership working as it relates to information-sharing and inter-agency cooperation for sex offender management and are mindful of the work of the youth Justice services and the role they play in the MAPPa partnership in terms of the management of young people convicted of a qualifying offence. Whilst the review team note that the youth cohort within the MAPPa world may be small, they recognise the importance of understanding the particular challenges associated with managing young people under these arrangements.

The review team are therefore seeking evidence from key stakeholders such as youth justice service and hope to conduct some fieldwork in a number of police forces and include youth justice teams in their visits to learn more about the work undertaken to support children supported by the multiagency arrangements.

If you are able to provide some information to the review team, or to invite them to visit your team to discuss the way in which you support children please contact Bethan at:

psom-review@homeoffice.gov.uk

AYM Autumn Conference



Free AYM Conference focused on ETE

We are pleased to be able to confirm the details of our free Autumn Conference on:

Wednesday 7th December, 2022.

This our first face to face such event since October 2019 so we hope as many members as possible will be able to support us by attending; non-AYM members are welcome as well.

The conference is being kindly hosted by Milton Keynes YOT at:

**Milton Keynes Professional Development Centre(MKPDC),
Galley Hill,
Milton Keynes
MK11 1PA.**

10:00 – 15:30

We are working with colleagues at MKYOT to check on arrangements for a video link for any members who are not able to travel. A light lunch will provided at the venue.

Our focus this year will be on education, training and employment for children in the justice system, and follows the publication of the HMIP thematic inspection on this subject earlier in the year.

Delegates will hear from:

- **Helen Mercer**, Head of Policy and Standards at HMIP, who coordinated work on the inspection
- **Sharon Gray OBE**, member the Youth Justice Board with responsibility for strategic oversight of education in custody and secure schools
- **Wendy Tomlinson**, Head of Safeguarding for the Youth Custody Service, and Michelle Price, Director of Oakhill STC, about the STC's improvement journey towards a child-focussed secure establishment
- **Courtenay Norbury**, Professor of Psychology and Language Sciences at UCL, on her new research into developmental language disorder

In addition there will be formal presentations of our two awards, the annual John Hawkins Award for innovative practice, and our YJ SEND Quality Mark Awards (delivered in partnership with Microlink PC).

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

AYM John Hawkins Award



It's that time of year again when youth justice services can showcase their work and nominate it for the prestigious AYM John Hawkins Award.

The AYM's John Hawkins Award is made each year in memory of John Hawkins, previous AYM Treasurer and Head of Service, East Sussex YOT.

John's family agreed to support this AYM award to a youth justice service that demonstrates creativity or innovation in its' work with children. John's family are always very keen to visit the winning service and meet with the children benefitting from the work of the youth justice service.

Winners receive £500!

A composite image. On the left is a graphic for the award certificate with a purple and white background. It features a yellow box with 'WINNER 2022', the text 'AYM John Hawkins Award For Innovation and Creativity in Youth Justice Practice', and the AYM logo. On the right is a photograph of a man, John Hawkins, wearing a light blue shirt, standing outdoors in front of greenery.

Do you have a programme or project that you feel demonstrates innovation or creativity, and which provides positive outcomes for children you work with in youth justice?

Perhaps you have developed a creative approach to the work you have undertaken with children and their families, or ways in which to engage them in new ways. Why not nominate this for an award.

The deadline for nominations is Friday 28th October, 2022.

To submit your nomination, contact our secretary Jessica Edwards at secretary@aym.org.uk

Aspiring Future Leaders Course

Last Chance to register for a place on the AYM's Aspiring Future Leaders' Course.



The AYM is looking to deliver the 8th cohort of its Aspiring Future Leaders course which will be online, delivered by our partners Solace, the UK's leading network for public sector professionals.

Aimed at operation managers (or equivalent) the course offers students with an opportunity to develop skills and understanding that will support those hoping to move onto more senior roles. The course is an endorsed ILM development programme at level 5 and students can commission accreditation via Solace on completion of the course if they wish (accreditation is charged directly by Solace).



The proposed timetable for this cohort is:

Introductory Workshop (1 day) 10 – 3.30	Friday 16 September 2022
Module 1 (2 days) Leadership and Change	10/11 October 2022
Module 2 (2 days) Strategic Thinking in Public Services	14 and 16 November 2022
Module 3 (2 days) Working Collaboratively across organisations	13 and 15 December 2022
Module 4 (2 days) Coaching for High Performance	26 /27 January 2023

Here's what previous students say about the course:



The cost of the course is £1,750 for AYM members, and £1,925.00 for non AYM members.

Apply Now! For more information about the Aspiring Future Leaders course, and to register for a place [click here](#)

Youth Justice Sector Improvement Partnership

A spotlight on: a YJSIP board member...

I am Emma Blackwell and I'm the Head of Service in Gateshead Youth Justice Service. Approximately 6 months ago there was an opportunity to volunteer to become the YJSIP North East regional representative. I put myself forward for this position as I didn't know a lot about YJSIP.

Through attending meetings and meeting with colleagues I have realised that YJSIP is the best kept secret in youth justice! The support and mentoring that is offered, is second to none and is available across England and Wales to help improve youth justice services.

An area of particular interest to me is the peer reviews which can be requested to consider a particular piece of work, this can provide assurances for how the service is delivering, or as a critical friend to help provide guidance and support for youth justice colleagues. I am looking forward to completing the peer review training, meeting with colleagues across the country and understanding service delivery in other youth justice services.

If you too would like to get involved with the YJSIP, contact us! YJSIPadmin@aym.org.uk



Youth Endowment Fund: Serious Violence

Reminder: YEF' trauma-informed practice funding round opens for applications on 1st September



The Youth Endowment Fund (YEF) exists to prevent children and young people becoming involved in violence. YEF does this by finding out what works and building a movement to put this knowledge into practice.

As a reminder, YEF, in partnership with the Home Office, is looking to fund and evaluate models of trauma-informed practice (TIP) training and service redesign programmes across youth justice, education and social care sectors.

The aim of this funding round is to find out what difference TIP makes in keeping children safe from violence. **The funding round opens** for applications on **1st September, 2022 and closes** on the **31st October 2022**.

YEF want to hear from organisations that employ TIP providers for workforce training/development, and to guide organisational change (e.g. policies and processes). In particular, YEF want to hear from providers who offer these services.

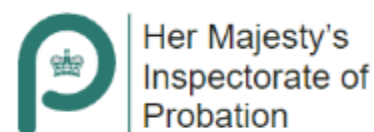
Please get in touch ahead of the launch of the funding round for more information by contacting:

mollie.bourne@youthendowmentfund.org.uk

For more information about this round of funding, and to make an application **[click here](#)**

Professional Curiosity

Academic Insight



HMI Probation's 'Academic Insight' is a series of reports that provide an understanding of the evidence base for particular areas of practice in youth justice and probation services. The latest report written by academics at Sheffield Hallam University, Jake Phillips, Sam Ainslie, Andrew Fowler and Chalen Westaby, who provide an insight into the concept of 'professional curiosity'.

Whilst the paper is written in terms of probation practice, professional curiosity is something all practitioners seek to exercise, and something that has been increasingly mentioned in serious case reviews since c.2013.

The authors describe the different uses for professional curiosity, risk assessment and management, applied mostly in serious case reviews and safeguarding reports, empowerment and change, applied in therapeutic practice, and in nursing and midwifery, staying abreast of developments in the field and to engage with academic research and professional development. The authors conclude that all these apply to the work of probation practitioners – the same can be said for youth justice practitioners.

In the exploratory research undertaken with probation staff, the authors found that professional curiosity is defined mostly in terms of risk management, followed by therapeutic use, and least in terms of the development of knowledge.

The authors consider the structural, relational (with service users), and emotional barriers to adopting professional curiosity, and conclude that to enable professional curiosity to be usefully applied in practice, services need to enable:

- 'Time and space to ask the right questions, analyse and act'
- 'Time and space to be able to develop good working relationships with people on probation so that the right questions are asked at the right time, limiting the damage that might occur as a result of asking intrusive questions.'
- Emotional support for staff.

Dr. Robin Moore, Head of Research at HMI Probation, advises readers in the forward to this report, that the inspectorate is developing an effective practice product to provide further guidance and support to practitioners. Look out for this (*not published at the time of this bulletin*) on the HMI Probation website by clicking here [clicking here](#)

To read the report and previous 'Academic Insights' [click here](#)

Resettlement of Children after Custody

New Publication by Clinks

'Clinks' a membership organisation that promotes and represents the voluntary sector working with people in the criminal justice system and their families, has published the latest in a series of articles that aim to develop an accessible evidence base covering the most common types of activity undertaken within the criminal justice system.



The author of the report, Neal Hazel, criminologist and social policy analyst, and formerly Deputy Chief Inspector at HMI Probation and member of the YJB, considers the research and inspections of youth offending services that have *'consistently shown that meeting children's resettlement needs is challenging, which often leaves them without the necessary help and leads to poor outcomes.'*

The report cites some of the evidence available that demonstrate effective resettlement support and considers:

- *'What is involved in children's resettlement and why it is so important;*
- *The challenges for supporting children after custody;*
- *The essence of successful resettlement for a child, and the role of practitioners in it;*
- *Effective sentence planning and case-management;*
- *The five key characteristics for effective resettlement support;*
- *The importance of practitioners being 'identity-aware';*
- *The importance of diversity;*
- *The recent policy and practice development of constructive resettlement.'*



The author concludes that the principles of good practice for constructive resettlement outlined in the Beyond Youth Custody research could, and should, be equally applied to children throughout the youth justice system; citing the guidance available to work constructively with a child at any stage of the youth justice system, promoting pro-social identity development.

The author concludes that such an approach to work children in the criminal justice system, will hopefully reduce the number of children entering custody.

To read the report [click here](#)

Youth Justice Effective Practice Certificate

Youth Justice Effective Practice Certificate (YJEPC) – Celebrating 10 Years of achievement (2012-2022).



This 30-week FHEQ* Level 5 qualification explores the theory, practice and evidence of working effectively with children in the youth justice system.

Since 2012 Unitas have been successfully delivering this qualification to over 2000 members of staff working in over 70% of Youth Offending Services/Youth Justice Services in England and Wales. YJEPC retention and success rates are 80% - well above the average for online distance learning!

The next Cohort for this course starts on 31st October 2022 with registrations now open via <https://unitas.uk.net/youth-justice/youth-justice-effective-practice-certificate-yjepc/>

- Online distance learning
- Accredited by Skills for Justice Awards
- Approved by the Youth Justice Board
- Progression routes include [Foundation Degree In Youth Justice BA/BA \(Hons\) Youth Justice](#)

To find out more about Unitas [click here](#)

Or Contact them directly by emailing contact@unitas.uk.net, or telephoning: [01603 570365](tel:01603570365)
* FEHQ is the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications of Degree-Awarding Bodies in England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Effectiveness of Knife Surrender Schemes and Media Campaigns

Youth Endowment Fund considers if they keep children safe

Knife surrender schemes are often used alongside media campaigns to raise awareness of the risks and consequences of carrying knives.

The Youth Endowment Fund has looked at studies from the UK and internationally and found so little evidence that the impact of either approach cannot be estimated. YEF state 'While it's quite possible they do help to keep children safe, at the moment we just don't know'.

The YEF has now published a summary of evidence on knife surrender schemes and media campaigns.

To find out more [click here](#)



Transform Justice

Podcasts on experiences in the criminal justice system

Transform Justice, a national charity working for a fair, humane, open and effective justice system has published a series of podcasts on a variety of aspects of the youth justice system and the impact it has on children in contact with the law.

Each podcast hosted by Penelope Gibbs, Director of Transform Justice and Rob Allen, Consultant on Prisons, Probation and Youth Justice, includes experts in youth justice throwing a spotlight on a different issue, highlighting the way in which children are processed and the experiences and difficulties they face whilst in contact with the law.

Transform Justice



The podcasts commence with '**Conveyor Belt Justice**', an episode that considers the 'single justice procedure' the way in which most crimes in England and Wales are prosecuted, and the way it works, and where issues associated with it.

The following podcasts look into specific areas within the criminal justice system:

- **Episode 2: Children in police cells**, looking at the experience of children in police cells and the reasons for their detention, the role and responsibilities of professionals involved during a child's detention;
- **Episode 3: Presumed innocent but behind...**, with discussion highlighting issues relating to remand individuals whilst awaiting sentence, and potential ways in which the number of individuals remanded could be reduced;
- **Episode 4: Protecting the protectors?**, with discussion of the emotive crime - people being violent or abusive towards emergency workers. Recent legislation has increased the maximum sentence for assaulting an emergency worker to 2 years - four times the maximum for assaulting anyone else, the discussion considers whether harsher sentences will reduce violence and abuse towards police and NHS staff and what else could be done to prevent such incidents from happening.
- **Episode 5: Impossible decisions? A look at.....** the parole system in England and Wales and the factors that lead to the decision to release someone from prison. The panel consider the proposed changes to parole outlined in the government's 'Root and Branch Review' and whether the changes will '*make the parole system fairer*'.

To listen to the podcasts [click here](#)

To find out more about Transform Justice and to subscribe to these and future podcasts [click here](#)

Accommodation Pathfinder



Two units and to be opened in London

During the last two years, the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales, the Association of London Directors of Children's Services and London Councils have been developing plans for a pathfinder, the London Accommodation Pathfinder (LAP), to improve accommodation provision and outcomes for children in contact with the youth justice system.

The original plan was to deliver four units but YJB's Chief Executive, Claudia Sturt, reports that *'identifying suitable buildings and permissions has been difficult meaning the current scale of the pathfinder up to March 2023 has reduced from four to two accommodations across London.'*

The LAP plans to operate in the East London sub-region, comprising Barking and Dagenham, Havering, Newham, Redbridge, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest, and North Central London sub-region, comprising Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey and Islington.

St Christopher's, a charity for children in care, has been appointed as the provider for the LAP, providing accommodation for 16- and 17-year-old boys as an alternative to custodial remand and sentence, and enhanced resettlement.

St. Christopher's state that the new supported accommodation units will provide *'psychologically informed environments and targeted specialist support including education, support and therapy to prevent the disproportionate representation in the youth justice system',...enabling them to build brighter futures for themselves and their families'*.

In addition to the accommodation provision, 'Wipers', a youth justice social enterprise that specialises in working with vulnerable and disadvantaged young people, has been awarded the contract to facilitate a self-development programme for children residing within the units. The aim of this provision is to increase children's perception of identity and self-awareness, confidence and self-esteem and improve the children's perception of masculinity.

If you have any queries about the London Accommodation Pathfinder, contact David McNally, YJB Programme Officer at david.mcnally@yjb.gov.uk, or

Matthew Knights, LAP Strategic Development Manager at:
matthew.knights@camden.gov.uk

To find out more about St. Christopher's [click here](#)

To find out more about 'Wipers' [click here](#)

Academic Insight Published

The latest 'Academic Insight', a series of HMI Probation publications that aims to provide practitioners in youth justice services and probation with an evidence base for high quality service provision is on the subject of child to parent abuse.

The author of this publication, Dr Amanda Holt, is a Reader in Criminology at the University of Roehampton, London. Dr Holt's research interests focus on families, young people and harm; she is a specialist on the problem of violence towards parents.

Dr. Holt identifies the issues related to child to parent abuse – age, gender of individuals, ethnicity, di/ability, mental health, substance abuse, poverty and deprivation and wider contextual issues such as exposure to domestic abuse, exclusion from education, and involvement in the criminal justice system.

The report considers some of the data associated with child to parent abuse. The Metropolitan Police data suggests a consistently decreasing incidence of child to parent abuse between Jan 2018 and Dec 2020. However, this is qualified by the analysis of the Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW) data over a nine-year period (2011/12 – 2019/20) which found that child to parent abuse represents 1.2 per cent of all violence reported in the CSEW, and that 43 per cent of cases of child to parent abuse are not reported to the police.

The author considers the barriers to child to parent abuse being notified to agencies, such as the stigma, fear of retribution, fear of the consequences – to the child and the family, and the fear of not being believed. She also considers the impact of such abuse which impact on the victim and the wider family.

Dr. Holt argues that applying a domestic abuse approach to parent to child abuse, directs attention inside the family home , in contrast to tradition youth justice model which focuses on offending outside the family home. However, '*fundamental youth justice principles of diversion and children's rights suggest that restorative justice approaches are more appropriate.*' Dr. Holt identifies that *in some cases child to parent abuse may not be immediately apparent and practitioners will need to ask the right questions to identify it.*'

Within her conclusion, Dr. Holt argues '*as research starts to examine child to parent abuse from a life-course perspective, there is growing recognition of the need to address the problem at all stages of the life course – from the early years, when parents/carers often request help but the problem is ignored, into adulthood, when the problem can endure and produce even greater (and sometimes fatal) harms.*'

To read the report [click here](#)

Vacancies

Youth Justice Officer, Stockport



Stockport Youth Justice & Targeted Youth Support Services is looking for a Youth Justice Officer who will work with young people to achieve the statutory functions of the Youth Justice Service, whose principal aim is to prevent offending and reduce re-offending, and through a model of Targeted Youth Support whose main objective is to support vulnerable children and young people who are at risk of engaging in risky behaviour that will affect their life chances.

The successful candidate will be required to work as part of the statutory multi-agency service providing a restorative approach through Stockport Family and community safety functions through the Safer Stockport Partnership, as well as working collaboratively across the 10 Greater Manchester Local Authorities, to ensure delivery of the GM Youth Justice Transformation programme, as defined through the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and the national requirements of the Youth Justice Board and the Ministry of Justice.

The service is looking for a flexible, enthusiastic and highly motivated individual who has demonstrable skills at engaging complex and often chaotic children and young people. The successful applicant will be one who is keen to develop new and improved ways of working through creative and innovative informed practice.

Experience of working in a Youth Justice Service or similar multi-agency partnership dealing with factors that lead children and young people into crime is essential. Preference will be given to candidates who hold a relevant professional qualification (eg: social work or probation qualified) but applications will also be considered from candidates who hold a relevant degree plus the Youth Justice PCEP (or equivalent.). Social Workers will be supported to continue their professional development.

This post includes weekend, bank holiday and out of hours work as part of the duty rota system (with additional pay).

Deadline for applications: is 5pm on Wednesday 7th September 2022

Date for interview: Friday 16th September 2022

For an informal discussion about the role call one of the Team Leaders on [0161 474 4744](tel:01614744744)

For more information and to apply for this role [click here](#)

YOT Manager, Bristol



Bristol Youth Offending Team (YOT) is recruiting a YOT Manager

The service has a central city base at The Station, a central youth hub run by the Creative Youth Network charity. The three area YOT teams are also co-located within three area offices and work with young people in a range of settings, including the home.

The YOT sits within the Early Intervention and Targeted Service, which includes Families in Focus early help and edge of care/custody services. The services sit alongside social care teams enabling close integrated models of working. The service has strong relationships with partners in other agencies and voluntary organisations in the city

Bristol YOT is committed to implementing 'Child First' principles and trauma informed practice and works closely with partners to prevent and diver children from entering or re-entering the youth justice system.

The closing date to apply for this post is Sunday 11th September, 2022

For more information and to apply for the position [click here](#)

Team Manager - Future4Me

This is an exciting opportunity for a Team Manager within Lincolnshire Children Services Future4Me Team providing support for children and young people within Lincolnshire.



The Future4Me team provides an innovative approach to supporting young people on the edge of care with a diverse range of needs and includes our vital practice around youth justice, missing and exploitation and youth housing.

The successful candidate will lead, manage and motivate a team of staff within a multi-agency partnership team and across a range of roles including Early Help and Youth Offending practice. You will be working to promote the very best outcomes for children and young people and ensuring the voice of the child is reflected in everything we do.

As a key part of the leadership team you will be setting the direction of the service, and creating the conditions for exemplary practice to flourish. You will have the skills to apply a variety of imaginative solutions and responses to make sure services are delivered in the best way possible.

The successful candidate will be a passionate and committed manager with excellent leadership skills, and able to demonstrate, amongst other things, knowledge of early help, youth justice, trauma informed practice and considerable safeguarding knowledge.

The closing date to apply for this post is Sunday 11th September 2022.

For an informal discussion, please e-mail initially with contact telephone number and dates and time available, to Andy Cook (Head of Service):

Andy.cook@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Assistant Head of Service – Birmingham Children’s Trust

Birmingham Youth Offending Service. is on a significant improvement journey to support the achievement of better outcomes for children, families, victims of youth crime and communities. Successful applicants will be joining an organisation and service committed to continuous improvement; striving to deliver excellence and embracing best practice, innovation and research.



BIRMINGHAM
CHILDREN'S TRUST

An exciting opportunity has arisen for the right person to join the services leadership team as an Assistant Head of Service.

As a valued member of the service, you will be joining a dedicated and highly competent leadership team. You will have a key role in leading reform across the service, setting and delivering against a number of strategic priorities. You will work strategically across the partnership and with key stakeholders, ensuring the effective and efficient use of resources and delivery of services.

The closing date to apply for this post is Sunday 11th September 2022.

Proposed interview date: Thursday 6th October 2022.

If you are interested in having a conversation about this position, please contact:

janine.saleh@birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk

For more information and to apply, please [click here](#).

Advertise your vacancy with the AYM

As Youth Justice Managers, we know how important it is to get the best candidates for your vacancies.



Widen your horizon for recruitment - Readers of the bulletin include AYM members and more than 150 external stakeholders from across the criminal justice sector. The AYM website receives regular visitors from across the whole of the criminal justice sector.

If you want to take advantage of this free service, [click here](#). Just fill in the short form to advertise your vacancy in the AYM monthly bulletin and the AYM website and we will do the rest for you!

Good luck with all your recruitment!

Other News

A graphic of the word 'News' in a bold, red, sans-serif font with a blue outline and a slight shadow, tilted slightly to the right. It is enclosed in a white rectangular box with a thin grey border.

Modern Slavery Increases

The latest statistics from the Home Office regarding notifications to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) show that the number of children referred to the NRM has increased once more, with 44% of the children referred as victims of criminal exploitation

The reasonable grounds decision gives the victim access to a 'reflection period' of 45 days or more to enable them to access services and the support they need to start recovery: the Home Office report that the number of reasonable grounds decisions issued this quarter was the highest since the NRM began.

To find out more about the most recent statistics [click here](#)

Think Tank Proposes Changes to Policing



The think tank, Policy Exchange, has published a report '**What Do we Want from the Next Prime Minister**', in which it argues '*British policing has lost its way*' and proposes '*a programme of reform and investment*' to ensure that communities are safe and future crime threats can be managed.

Using Home Office data, the report considers the poor conversion rates for some crimes, '*with only 3.5% of reported residential burglaries, 6.3% of reported robberies and 4.1% of reported thefts solved during the financial year 2021/22*'

The author of the report, David Spencer makes a number of proposals, including a call for HMI Police, Fire and Rescue to replace the College of Policing to be replaced and its responsibilities transferred to others, such as Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services, for setting standards, and the establishment of a national police Leadership Academy '*to develop and drive a singular doctrine of leadership into policing*', and delivery of training.

To read the report [click here](#)

YJB Response to SEND Review



The Youth Justice Board for England and Wales (YJB) has published its response to the SEND Review in which it acknowledges the need for greater consistency in assessment of needs of children, and that decisions about support and provision should be made based on this assessment but calls for the inclusion of youth justice partnerships to be part of or feed into local SEND partnerships in order to ensure the needs of children in the youth justice system are properly considered.

The YJB cites the joint policy paper, 'A youth justice system that works for children', published in November 2021 by the Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS), the Association of YOT managers (AYM) and Local Government Association (LGA) 'which highlights that 'pursuing a more inclusive education and school's system would contribute to both prevention and diversion agendas (for youth justice).

There are a number of issues raised by the YJB in its response, in particular that the proposals of the SEND review do not reference education in secure settings. The YJB argue *'it is crucial that this cohort of children are not forgotten about with looking at SEND reform., however, over two thirds of children in custody have special educational needs.'*

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

Scrutiny of Local Safeguarding Children Partnerships

The Vulnerability Knowledge and Practice Programme, the Safer Young Lives Research Centre at the University of Bedfordshire, and The Association of Safeguarding Partners has published a descriptive report following the completion of a six-month project to explore what Local Safeguarding Children Partnerships (LSCPs) in England had scrutinised and how, drawing on the use of the 'Six Steps to Independent Scrutiny' to inform the research.

The aim of the project was to share knowledge of independent scrutiny of LSCPs; who scrutinises them and how and what is being scrutinised. The intended audience for the research is those working in and with LSCPs, including Independent Scrutineers and Chairs, and lead safeguarding partners.

To read more [click here](#)



[‘What is Diversion?’](#)

Justice Innovation has created a video ‘What is Diversion?’ that seeks to empower children's understanding about diversion, the benefits it offers and what the process involves.

The video was created and designed by Reality Art, a collective that specialises in capturing the voices of young people who have experienced the criminal justice system through art.

To access the video [click here](#)

To find out more about ‘Reality Art’ [click here](#)



[Criminal Justice Systems in the UK](#)

CENTRE FOR CRIME
AND JUSTICE STUDIES

The Centre for Crime and Justice Studies has published a report '*Criminal Justice System in the UK*' in which the authors, Richard Garside, Director, and Dr Roger Grimshaw, Research Director, at the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies.

The report answers questions about how the main UK criminal justice institutions are organised, how they have developed, how they are held to account and how ordinary citizens can challenge and influence them.

To read the report [click here](#)

[Engaging Children in Redesign](#)

A project in Haringey has been working with children to make improvements to a youth club and make it more user friendly.

Working in partnership alongside architects Freehaus, JA Projects and representatives from Haringey Council, a group collectively known as '**Wood Green Young Voices**' have co-designed and co-produced many aspects and elements of this project, such as designing the logo and décor and helping develop the activities and events that will take place there.

Young people were nominated by local schools, community organisations and youth sector organisations to be part of the group.

Rising Green Youth Hub opened on the 1st August in the Noel Park area of Wood Green, will welcome children at risk of becoming involved in gangs and violent crime. Wood Green Young Voices have helped develop Rising Green,

To find out more about the Rising Green Youth Hub [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	7 th December, 2022	Milton Keynes
Executive Board meeting	6 th December, 2022	To be confirmed
Executive Board meeting	14 th March, 2023	To be confirmed
Executive Board meeting	22 nd June, 2023	To be confirmed
AYM Conference	22 nd June, 2023	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.

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Children's Human Rights and Youth Justice Conference: Progress, Challenges and Visions



A one-day conference organised by the National Association for Youth Justice (NAYJ) is being hosted by the International Criminological Research Unit (ICRU) at the University of Liverpool on:



Thursday 15th September 2022 – 10:30am - 4:30pm

Drawing on plenary presentations from leading experts in the field, together with delegate discussion and debate, the conference will assess the **progress** that has been, and is being made, in implementing the principles of international human rights standards in the youth justice sphere.

The conference will also consider the **challenges** that policymakers, managers and practitioners must address to ensure that the youth justice system in England and Wales complies fully with the provisions of international human rights standards. Finally, the conference will consider **visions** for a research-informed and human-rights-compliant youth justice and reflect upon the reforms that might be required to realise such vision.

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

Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews

Westminster Insight is holding online training those professionals whose duty it is to notify the independent Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel of all serious incidents involving children.



This half day digital workshop will be led by Professor Peter Sidebotham, member of the National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel, who will share his insights on how to prepare for different types of reviews including multi-agency cases and partnerships reviews.

The training takes place on:

**Monday 26th September, 2022
09:00 – 12:45**

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

Serious Violence Digital Conference



Tuesday 27th September, 2022

9am – 1:30pm

This conference is aimed at professionals from the private, public and voluntary sectors.

Delegates at the event will hear from the National Police Chiefs' Council, National Fire Chiefs Council and Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) to explore how effective multi-agency partnerships can be formed to address serious violence at a local level.

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

Early Help Conference: Policy, Practice and Impact



Wednesday 28th September 2022

Hallam Conference Centre, London

This Children and Young People Now conference, will feature keynote talks, case studies and practice seminars providing key insights on a number of issues such as the recent Independent Care Review and Family Hubs.

[click here](#)

National Children and Adult Services Annual Conference



This conference will be held on:

2nd – 4th November, 2022

at

Manchester Central Exhibition Centre

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.

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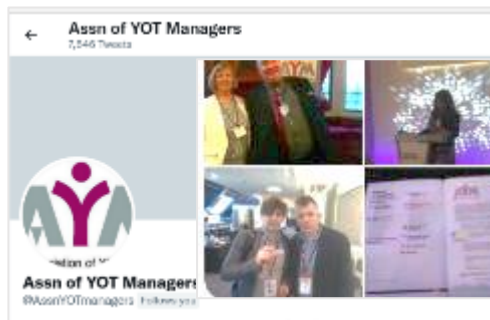
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