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News from the AYM Executive Board

Youth justice services and our members will be aware of the **Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Remand Funding Review** and that a number of options (yet to be agreed) on how funding will be apportioned going forward, are to be considered. This is an issue that has been ongoing for many years and whilst there is as yet no definitive decision, there are some initial proposals for local pilots for managing remands. The AYM is a member of the **National Remand Working Group**, as too is the Association of Directors of Social Services. We will keep you informed of any developments we are made aware of.

A big thank you to our members!

We want to say thank you to our **members across the regions and YOT Managers Cymru** for providing information on probation secondees in your services. The Executive Board has, as a result of this information, since held meetings with the MoJ Youth Justice Policy Unit, the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales (YJB) and Probation (nationally) to discuss suggestions for improvements going forward and a resolution to the level of probation vacancies currently experienced by youth justice services.

Probation are now fully aware of the issues nationally and support the need to increase the numbers of probation secondees into YJS for a number of reasons, not least to support matters of transition for young people entering adult provision.

Working with stakeholders

Members of the AYM Executive Board attended a roundtable event chaired by the MoJ Policy Unit's Deputy Director Alan Webster to consider the actions to take forward following the government's response to the **HMI Probation Thematic inspection into black and mixed heritage boys**.

Sarah Goddard AYM's portfolio lead for victims, has been working with the MoJ regarding the **development of new guidance relating to the Victim's Code**, in advance of the introduction of the Victim's Bill to Parliament. With the support of AYM members across England, Sarah has been able to share current working practices around how the Victims Code is being promoted/shared with victims, what is reasonable in sharing the code, how feedback is collected from victims and how easy it would be to add additional questions to enable the MoJ to measure impact and service delivery.

The Youth Custody Service (YCS) has also been in touch with the AYM to discuss the decision to keep **18-year-olds in the youth secure estate**, to help alleviate pressure on the adult estate resulting from increased numbers of adult prisoners. We have been clear that whilst we understood this decision at the time, there is now, 6 months on, a need for more definitive guidance for youth justice services and probation to ensue that these young adults do not fall through the net in terms of appropriate case allocation and responsibility for supervision and support.

We are aware that the impact on some services is greater than others and clear guidance, an opportunity for the development of Frequently Asked Questions and/or workshops is necessary to support those services. As a result of this work, the AYM has been advised that guidance will be issued in mid-June to provide a clear steer, with projections. The AYM portfolio leads for transition and custody will continue to work with YCS to support improvements going forward.

In our regular meetings with the YJB the AYM has asked for the opportunity to be consulted on the guidance for **2024-25 Youth Justice Plans**, following members' concerns regarding the level of meaningful consultation for the current plans. We have requested that we be given the opportunity to provide feedback on this year's plan content, and to be instrumental in forming next year's guidance in order to give the YJB the assurance they need but also to ensure it is a useful and productive process for Youth Justice Management Boards, which reflects local priorities. The YJB has welcomed this approach. ***In the meantime members of the Executive wish our colleagues good luck with completing this year's Youth Justice Plans – we all know only too well how onerous a task it is!***

The YJB has also indicated the findings from the **Serious Incident Reviews** will be published shortly, since the process became mandatory last year. This should give members a good insight into the types of cases they are receiving and is a direct response to the AYM request that we receive more feedback on this process, particularly due to the amount of time it takes youth justice services to complete.

Ed Cornmell, Executive Director of the YCS has written to the AYM regarding the recent **Urgent Notification issued at Cookham Wood Young Offender Institution (YOI)** advising that the findings are being taken extremely seriously, and that YCS will work closely with the establishment to pursue every option available to ensure the safety of both the staff and young people. He advised that during the last 28 days, senior officials from the YCS, HM Prison and Probation Service and the MoJ have been implementing immediate actions to deliver improvements on the most urgent concerns raised by the inspectorate, including amongst others, the redeployment of a member of the management team to tackle the number of children and young people in separation.

Intensive coaching and support to operational staff in prisons and Young Offender Institutions (YOIs) has also been implemented and a new activities lead will bring together YCS staff, the education provider, the conflict resolution team, and all other organisations working with young people on site to develop an innovative and flexible regime to support young people preparing for release.

More information on all the actions underway or planned are detailed in the Lord Chancellor's response letter to the Chief Inspector and in the initial action plan. To read the government's response [click here](#)

The Executive would also like to remind readers that our AYM Summer Conference and AGM take place on 22nd June, if you haven't already registered for a place please do so by [clicking here](#)

Full details of the conference can be found on the following page.

AYM Summer Conference:
25 Years of Youth Justice. What's changed since the Crime and Disorder Act 1998?



Thursday 22nd June, 2023
10:00 – 13:30

1 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford ST16 2LP.

AGENDA

- 10:00 Registration and refreshments**
- 10:30 Welcome – Jacqui Belfield-Smith, AYM Chair**
- 10:40 Highs, Lows and Unfinished Business: Personal Reflections on the last 25 years of Youth Justice – John Drew, Former CEO of YJB and AYM Life Member**
- 11.15 John Hawkins Award (2022) Presentation**
- 11.25 Supporting Children's Rights in the YJS – Laura Cooper, Co-Head of the YJ Legal Centre**
- 12.10 AYM/Microlink YJ SEND Awards Presentations – Marius Frank, Head of Education, Microlink**
- 12:20 What next for the YJS?– Keith Fraser, YJB Chair**
- 13.00 Reflections from YOT Managers**
- 13:15 Conference Closes with Lunch**
- 14.00 AGM commences (*for AYM members only*)**

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

Youth Justice SEND Quality Awards

Congratulations to Wokingham Area Partnership



Wokingham Area Partnership has been awarded the Youth Justice SEND Quality Mark award. The assessors remark that throughout the quality assurance process, Wokingham Area Partnership has demonstrated many strengths.

Co-located specialists (speech and language therapy, CAMHS, educational psychology) play an important role in upskilling frontline staff, identifying complex needs, and supporting children and young people with identified (and previously unidentified) needs.

The prevention offer is a real strength, with the service working in partnership with other statutory and non-statutory providers through the Early Prevention Hub and (with schools) through participation in an Exclusion Prevention Programme. This is resulting in a decline in first-time offending rates,

Another strength is the Elevate Team, working hard with the youth offending team to target NEET and pre-NEET young people so that there are successful transitions into education, employment and training.

Wokingham Area Partnership is now focussing on improving relationships and joint working with the local authority SEND team. The signs are extremely promising. Wokingham is clearly on a secure pathway to Quality Lead status, meeting or exceeding the standards in eight out of eleven of the criteria! It will not be long before we celebrate the impact of changes that are already underway.

We wish them every success on their improvement journey.

Well done Wokingham!

The Youth Justice SEND Quality Award lasts for a period of three years, after which redesignation is possible. However, reassessment to confirm improvement, leading to Quality Lead status, can be commissioned at any time.

We are grateful to colleagues who have offered to provide peer-to-peer quality assurance of the assessment process, and this month it was Coventry who provided this service. *Thank you!*

If you are interested in applying for assessment for the Youth Justice SEND Quality Awards please email maris.frank@microlinkpc.com

AYM-Microlink Child First Effective Partnership Practice

Free Lunchtime Webinar Series

This year we launched a series lunchtime webinars and want to express appreciation to Youth Justice colleagues and their local partners in Camden, St Helens, Blackburn, Staffordshire and Milton Keynes. They got our first series of lunchtime webinars off to a flying start and we really appreciate the preparation that went into these presentations. Over 100 colleagues have signed up to listen to these presentations and by signing up for the next webinar (see below), you receive free access to the three previous ones.'

The fourth lunchtime webinar in the AYM-Microlink Child First Effective Partnership Practice series is **2030 Vision: The Future of Child First Partnership Practice**'.

Sharon Gray and Marius Frank will reflect on some of the latest advances in systemic thinking, assistive technologies and brain sciences that could have a dramatic impact on the numbers of children entering youth justice pathways in the next decade.

- **Developing a partnership culture as well as practice:** language and meaning (e.g. What does Child First actually mean to different services?); Shared vision, shared values, shared targets; from equality to equity to removing systemic barriers
- **Beyond disproportionality:** Identifying and meeting complex needs; extending the social model of disability to include children disabled by circumstance
- **Advancing partnership working:** data sharing, effective multiagency panels and meetings, working effectively with schools
- From **trauma-informed** to **trauma-transformed** practice
- Redefining "being literate" and the power of **Assistive Technologies** to overcome Speech Language and Communication Needs (in PRUs, in schools and in the child and adult secure estate)

The webinar will take place on at **12:30pm on Wednesday 28th June, 2023**

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

Sharon Gray NLE OBE is a YJB Board Member, an acknowledged champion of vulnerable children, and an internationally renowned speaker on the neuroscience of learning and the biology of stress. **Marius Frank** (Head of Education at Microlink) has led the YJ SEND Quality Award process since 2016, co-ordinated the development of RAW (Raising Attainment with Wellbeing), a school improvement programme that is rapidly growing in popularity, and also leads an Assistive Technologies training programme for the Department for Education.

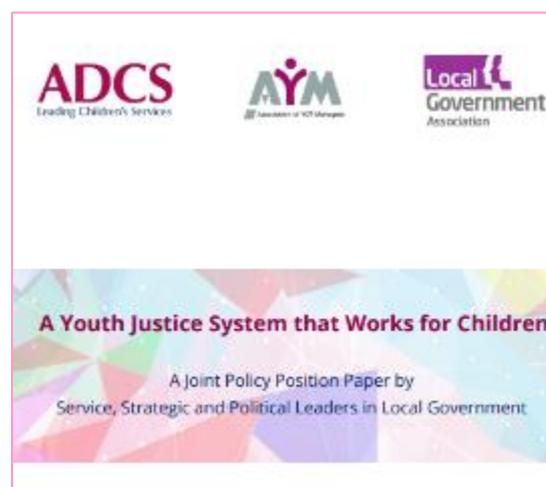


Responsiveness of Diversion for Children with SEND

New research project launched

The joint policy position paper of the AYM, Local Government Association and the Association of Directors of Children's Services '***A Youth Justice System that Works for Children***', published in November 2021, has been cited by the Centre for Justice Innovation in its call for volunteers to take part in its latest research project.

Amongst the issues the AYM, LGA and ADCS raised in the joint paper, the 'over-representation of children with special educational needs' was highlighted and identified as a significant challenge in need of 'urgent attention, and crucially, action'.



The Centre for Justice Innovation has cited this paper in its announcement that, in an effort to help address this over-representation, it will undertake research to explore the responsiveness of youth diversion for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

The research will place the voices of children and young people at the centre of this research but will also interview As well as centring the voices of children and young people, researchers plan to interview youth justice service staff and their police colleagues in two areas, and conduct a wider survey of diversion practitioners.

Are you interested in taking part in this research?

If you are, or if you have any questions, please email Bami Jolaoso at:

bjolaoso@justiceinnovation.org

To read the joint policy position paper [click here](#)

The IDEAS Approach to Effective Practice in Youth Justice

Academic Insight



HMI Probation has published its latest Academic Insight briefing '**The IDEAS Approach to Effective Practice in Youth Justice**', authored by Heidi Dix, previously a social worker and senior lecturer and now the director of the Youth Justice Institute, and Jen Meade, head of service for Suffolk Youth Justice Service.

The Academic Insight outlines the IDEAS approach to effective practice; a framework originally developed to support practitioners in a youth justice service to evaluate their work with children and their families. It can also be used in settings such as the secure estate and by managers and leaders as a quality assurance tool. It outlines the skills, knowledge and personal attitudes evidenced as necessary to be an effective practitioner within a youth justice context.

The IDEAS approach comprises the five interlinked elements of influence, delivery, expertise, alliance, and support. The first four elements focus upon the knowledge, skills and personal qualities of the individual practitioner, while the fifth element covers organisational support. All five components are seen as necessary for effective evidence-informed, relationship-based practice.

The framework recognises the importance of drawing upon and merging the latest research findings, professional knowledge and practice wisdom, and the lived experiences of children and their families. Bringing all this evidence together in an accessible and comprehensive way is beneficial in building and embedding a continuous learning environment and culture, and ultimately in delivering positive outcomes for children and their families.

The authors conclude by stating:

'we would suggest that evidence-informed practice is not a substitute for practice wisdom or for the dismissal of the voice of children and parents (Newman et al., 2005). Rather, by merging these approaches in the way that the IDEAS framework suggests, exciting possibilities are to be found that can provide positive outcomes for children and their families. It can also contribute significantly to creating a cultural change in which high professional expectations and outcomes for children and their families becomes the norm.'

To read the paper [click here](#)

Focused Deterrence

Youth Endowment Fund Launches New Programme

The Home Office and Youth Endowment Fund (YEF) have invested £7 million (£3m and £4m respectively) for a US-inspired violence prevention programme, pioneered in Boston in the mid-1990s, known as 'Focused Deterrence' which aimed to address the escalation of gun related murders and later used in Glasgow to tackle territorial gang violence.



The programme will be rolled out in five violence reduction units that cover Coventry, Nottingham, Leicester, Manchester and Wolverhampton and will offer young people opportunities to help deter them from offending. However, the YEF report that:

'if the support is refused and they continue to make their communities unsafe they'll face consequences through the enforcement of tough sanction'.

YEF state that research shows that on average Focused Deterrence strategies reduce crime by 33%.

Focused Deterrence brings together the police, local authorities, community organisations, health education and probation services in identifying and targeting those aged 14 years and over who are involved, or are at risk of becoming involved in serious violence and providing a package of tailored support.

Support packages can include mentoring, education, training or employment opportunities, mental health provision, and/or accommodation, among other services required to meet assessed needs.

The programmes commenced in May and will continue until August 2023 and YEF has commissioned the University of Hull to evaluate the impact of the programmes across each of the five cities.

To find out more about this programme and the Youth Endowment Fund [click here](#)

Serious Youth Violence: Non-Policing Solution

Organisations Call for Radical Change

Authored by nine organisations working across human rights, youth services, racial justice, mental health and policing, **'Holding Our Own: A guide to non-policing solutions to serious youth violence'** provides a set of arguments for change to build a society where all children are given the chance to thrive.

In order to make a bold and impactful intervention on harmful policing and serious youth violence in the UK the organisations have worked collaboratively, recognising that no single group, organisation or community holds all the answers.

A guiding principle in developing this guide was to highlight the voices and experiences of young people. As a result a chapter was co-created with young people accessing the Art Against Knives youth space, to youth organisers in No More Exclusions.

The chapters in this publication touch on a vast range of issues, from drugs policing and mental health, to police in schools and racist prosecutions. Each group has roughly structured their chapter into three sections: **what to dismantle, what to build, and existing good practice.**

Issues such as grief and trauma and the ways young people present in such states, and the resultant responses to those presenting behaviours is considered and critiqued.

The what to dismantle sections focus on the harmful practices communities are experiencing today, from school exclusions to drugs policing. The what to build sections talk about what we want to see instead, encompassing both shorter-term aims and longer-term visions for communities that are empowered, supported and free. The existing good practice sections set out what is going on right now in communities across the country, from life-changing youth spaces to radical safeguarding practices.

The guide concludes by stating '**We need to experiment towards the world we want to live in together**' and '**We need imaginative and compassionate responses to social harms and their causes**' before going on to make policy and practice 'demands for today', and 'demands for tomorrow'.

To read the report [click here](#)

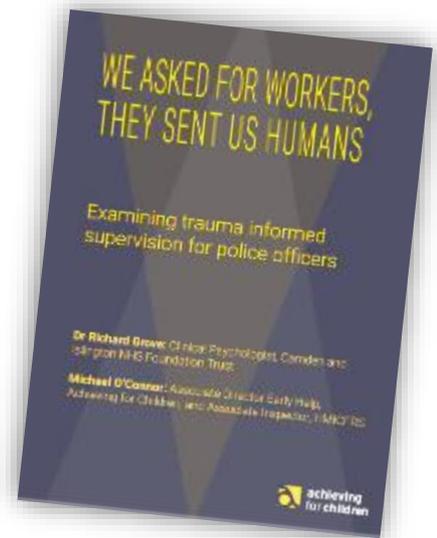


'We Asked for Workers, They Sent Us Humans'

Trauma Informed Police Supervision

AYM deputy regional representative for the South West region, Michael O'Connor has co-authored a report with Dr Richard Grove: Clinical Psychologist, Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust which examines trauma informed supervision for police officers.

The report is the result of Camden and Islington NHS Trust in partnership with Camden Council and the Central North Basic Command Unit piloting a co-produced model of reflective supervision. The pilot offered ten sessions of trauma informed training and supervision for officers from the Central North Basic Command Unit Gangs Team (CNBCU).



The catalyst for this development was the *'emerging evidence and awareness that repeated exposure to trauma and vicarious trauma is having a direct impact on the wellbeing and response of Met Police Officers when dealing with serious youth violence, conflict and wider distressing situations.'*

The primary focus of the model was to support officer in processing and making sense of their daily experience at work and how this impacted on their interactions with the public. The training included

- Understanding and working with trauma: Trauma and ACEs
- Understanding and working with trauma: Attachment Theory;
- Trauma informed care;
- Restorative practice
- Policing and trauma;
- Trauma informed work with gang-involved young people;
- Voice of the child: mentalising in policing;
- Initial results and evaluation of the pilot;
- Presentation of a business case for extending the pilot;
- Endings and trauma.

The pilot saw quantitative reductions in stress and burnout compared to cohort scores pre-pilot and also saw qualitative feedback from officers demonstrating impact on wellbeing and practice as a result of the training.

The report makes a number of recommendations for the College of Policing, the National Police Wellbeing Service, HMI Inspectorate of Constabulary, Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS), Violence Reduction Units, the Metropolitan Police.

The authors also recommend that the original pilot is expanded to explicitly address issues of disproportionality, confirmation bias and community cohesion between the police and minority communities.

To read the report [click here](#)

Safety and Justice for Women and Girls

'Advance' Launches its Strategy 2023-2026



'Advance' a women's organisation that delivers systems change and trauma and gender informed community based support for women and girls affected by domestic abuse, including those in contact with the criminal justice system has launched its strategy for 2023-2026.

Advance works nationally through innovative, best-practice approaches and systems change initiatives and delivers wraparound frontline services across the South and East of England, including Greater London.

The Chief Executive Officer of Advance, Niki Scordi reports that one in four girls today will be a victim of domestic abuse, and one girl or woman will be killed every three days in the UK, with many more ending their lives due to domestic abuse. Women want abuse to stop and for the perpetrator to be held to account. She argues, it is not enough to survive, women and girls wish to thrive and their voices and needs are at the centre of Advance's strategy and vision of ***'safe, just and equal world for women and girls'***.

The strategy has four aims:

- Women and children in our communities have access to long-term, wraparound support across all their needs including emotional support;
- Those women and girls affected by domestic abuse are empowered to make informed choices and enabled to access support at the earliest opportunity;
- Raise awareness of and campaign to address the prevalence and scale of the impact of domestic abuse and the criminal justice system on women to improve outcomes and achieve systemic change;
- Those working for and with Advance are supported to be leaders, change makers and advocates for women and girls.

The strategy highlights the increased awareness of women's lack of safety due to domestic abuse and sexual violence resulting from the pandemic and murders such as those of Sarah Everard and Sabina Nessa, and the reviews of police culture highlighted in the Casey Review that have affected public confidence and trust.

The authors argue that the public are calling for urgent action and women and girls are asking that they should be better protected so *'they can trust the system and society again'*.

To read the strategy [click here](#)

Alliance for Youth Justice



Consult Members

The Alliance for Youth Justice (AYJ) has held a symposium 'Rethinking Policing' in which the role and scope of police officers was considered. Members of the AYJ, which included representation from the AYM, were given an opportunity to share their expertise on children and the police, including the role of police officers in schools.

The AYJ is also holding an Expert Seminar to support the first thematic focus of the AYJ's Young People in Transition in the Criminal Justice System project - racial injustice. The seminar will include practitioners and policy professionals who will examine the experiences of racially minoritised young people transitioning into adulthood while in contact with the justice system, to inform and develop recommendations for policymakers.

The seminar will explore issues such as racial disparity, adultification, trust and confidence, 'cultural competence', and the role of the voluntary and community sector.

The seminar will be a hybrid event held in London on:

Wednesday 7th June, 14:00-17:00

If you are interested in attending the event contact mia.edwards@ayj.org.uk

The AYJ would also like to hear from children about their experiences of transitioning into the adult justice system. If you know of any children who might be interested in sharing their experiences to support this work contact mia.edwards@ayj.org.uk



The AYJ Young Advocates are hosting peer-led consultations with those aged 14-21 years of age across England and Wales with experience of the justice system, to gain insight into their views and experiences on the topics of policing and criminalisation. The consultations will be held at locations and slots that suit participants, with the option for sessions to take place online.

Recommendations will feed into work and engagement with decision makers at local and national levels.

If you work with children and young people who would like to take part, please contact amania@leaders-unlocked.org.

Readers may be interested in reading the AYJ blog on the Young Advocates' peer research process and progress, to do so [click here](#)

Elevate Programme



Last Chance to Register for Cohort 2

Individuals from ethnic minorities backgrounds are currently under-represented in strategic leadership positions. Elevate is a positive action programme that supports middle managers from an ethnic minority background to progress their careers into strategic leadership.

The course is endorsed by the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales (YJB), YJSIP and the Youth Justice Workforce Development Council: **75% of the participants on Cohort 1 have now been promoted.**

The closing date for applications is June 16th, 2023

To find out more about Elevate and to apply for a place on the programme [click here](#)

Youth Justice Qualifications

Unitas Announce New Courses



The first cohort of the **Youth Justice Practitioner L5 Apprenticeship (YJPA)** will commence in July 2023.

An additional qualification that can be achieved alongside the YJPA is the **Foundation Degree in Youth Justice (FDYJ)**.



For further information on the Apprenticeship [click here](#)

Contact Unitas Now!

Email: contact@unitas.uk.net or call Unitas on **01603 570365**

If you are considering how the Youth Justice Practitioner Apprenticeship (YJPA) may benefit your organisation please speak with your local authority's Apprenticeship Team who will be able to give you additional guidance. The [Apprenticeships.gov.uk](https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk) website which has lots of employer guides and helpful information can be accessed by [clicking here](#)

Other News



Remands and Remand Grant

In answering the Right Reverend Elizabeth Jane Holden Lane, Lord Bishop of Derby's, question in the House of Lords regarding how many children are being held on remand and whether the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) is taking steps to reduce this, Lord Bellamy replied advising that 244 children and young people remanded to custody in the Youth Secure Estate (including 18-year-olds) at 31st March 2023.

Lord Bellamy advised that remand to custody should always be an option of last resort and that the government has commissioned an independent joint thematic inspection on youth remand, to help identify further opportunities for reducing the number of children on remand.

He also advised that as a result of the recent review of the use of custodial remand for children, the MoJ will be launching a consultation in summer 2023 on options for reforming remand grant funding to facilitate better use of community provision and services for children at risk of custodial remand.

MAPPA Research

The National MAPPA Research Reports have been launched, the culmination of a 26-month process and outcome evaluation conducted between 2020 and 2023 by the Policing Institute for the Eastern Region (PIER), a research institute at Anglia Ruskin University. The research represents the most comprehensive evaluation of MAPPA to date and is published in three separate reports:



- The National MAPPA Research: Proven Reoffending Report
- The National MAPPA Research: Process Effectiveness Report
- The National MAPPA Research: Serious Case Reviews Report

The research was made up of three components: proven reoffending analysis, process effectiveness analysis and a serious case review analysis.

This research has shown that the reoffending rates of those managed under MAPPA are less than half of that of the national average, with the one-year MAPPA proven reoffending rate at 12.2% compared to the national overall one year, proven reoffending rates of between 30.0% and 31.3% over a similar time frame.

The research also found a number of limitations of MAPPA arrangements, which need to be addressed to ensure MAPPA works as effectively as possible in reducing further serious harm.

To read the reports [click here](#)

Childcare reforms Criticised

Joseph Rowntree Trust and Coram Family and Childcare have published a report in which it argues childcare can tackle disadvantage by enabling parents to work and helping increase positive outcomes for children but that the reforms risk entrenching rather than changing an unequal system.

The report provides proposals for a new childcare system that better meets families' needs, particularly those facing disadvantage, with childcare part of a fully integrated family learning and support system,

To read the report [click here](#)



Free Vapes for Children to be Banned

A loophole that allows the vaping industry to give free samples of vapes to children in England is set to be closed under new plans announced by the Prime Minister today to clamp down on youth vaping.

The most recent NHS figures for 2021 showed that 9% of 11 to 15 year old children used e-cigarettes, as compared to 6% in 2018.

Whilst the sale of vapes to those under 18 years of age is illegal, the government argues it is clear from this recent rise in teenage usage of vapes and the recent surge in the use and promotion of cheap, colourful products that businesses are targeting children.

The government has also announced today that there will be a review into banning the vaping industry selling 'nicotine-free' vapes to under 18s. This will ensure our rules keep up with the way that vaping products are being used.

This move follows the announcement last month that £3 million of funding will be provided to create a specialised 'illicit vapes enforcement squad' to implement the rules on vaping and tackle illicit vapes and underage sales.

For more information [click here](#)



Child Sexual Abuse Redress Scheme



Following the report of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, the Home Office has announced it is introducing a redress scheme for survivors of child sexual abuse in England, recognising the trauma victims have suffered. The scheme will acknowledge the institutional failures that allowed children to suffer at the hands of despicable predators.

Victims, survivors and charities representing them will be closely consulted as the government develops the scheme, including asking who the scheme should support, how we can best help them and how non-state institutions should be involved.

The announcement also advised that the government is also moving quickly to introduce mandatory reporting of child sexual abuse or exploitation in England by those working with children. The intention of this mandatory reporting is to help prevent the continued abuse of children and ensure that they receive support earlier.

The government has opened a 12-week public call for evidence asking how this should be implemented.

For more information [click here](#)

Improved Support to Bereaved Families and Eyewitnesses

Bereaved families and eyewitnesses of homicide or major criminal incidents like the Manchester Arena bombing will receive better support than ever thanks to important changes coming into force on 1st June, 2023).



The Homicide Service, backed by £5.27 million of government funding, provides essential services and practical support to families bereaved by murder or manslaughter, such as emotional and practical support like transportation as well as trauma and bereavement counselling and help navigating the criminal justice system.

The service delivered on behalf of government by the charity Victim Support provides services for people who have been bereaved through murder or manslaughter, will as a result of a successful pilot, be expanded to eyewitnesses of homicide or a major criminal incident across England and Wales.

It is anticipated the service will provide support to approximately 1,200 more people and builds on the government's commitments to place victims at the heart of the justice system through the Victims and Prisoners Bill.

For more information [click here](#)

Dates for Your Diary

**For Your
Diary!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR AYM 2023-24



Title	Date	Venue
Additional Executive Board meeting	12 th June, 2023	MS Teams
Executive Board meeting	22 nd June, 2023	Stafford
AYM Conference	22 nd June, 2023	Stafford
AYM AGM	22 nd June, 2023	Stafford
Executive Board meeting	5 th September, 2023	MS Teams
Executive Board meeting	5 th December, 2023	To be confirmed
AYM Winter Conference	6 th December, 2023	To be confirmed
Executive Board meeting	March 2024	To be confirmed

Please contact your regional representative (see below) if you wish the Executive Board to consider a particular issue, or if you have an item you would like to bring to their attention at one of their meetings.

To keep up to date with this calendar between Bulletins, please look at our website aym.org.uk

Manchester Centre for Youth Studies 2023 Annual Lecture

Manchester Metropolitan University, is delighted to welcome Dr Keir Irwin-Rogers to deliver the 2023 Annual Lecture:

Social harm and violence in children and young people's lives, a crisis of mattering?

The lecture will take place on: **7th June, 2023**
17:30-19:30

at

Manchester Metropolitan University (Room TBC)
Geoffrey Manton,
All Saints Manchester
M15 6BH

Childhood and youth should be periods of security, joy and wonder. Yet for too many children and young people living in Britain today, this is not the case. This lecture will explore a range of social harms that undermine children and young people's potential to flourish. In particular, it will discuss the nature and scale of serious violence between young people, and consider the extent to which such violence is being driven by a crisis of mattering. The lecture will examine some of the shortfalls and limitations of contemporary responses to violence, and reflect on how we can build safer and better societies for children to grow and flourish.

Dr Irwin-Rogers is a Senior Lecturer in Criminology, The Open University. There will be an opportunity for a Q & A about his work and an open discussion on the topic of youth, social harm, and violence shortly after the lecture.

The lecture will be followed by a drinks reception and a book launch for the major new MCYS publication, Gray, P., Jump, D. and Smithson, H. (2023) *Adverse Childhood Experiences and Serious Youth Violence*. Bristol: Bristol University Press. For more information about this publication [click here](#)

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

Defining the Roadmap to Responsive and Connected Justice

The 21st Annual Modernising Criminal Justice Conference will bring together senior leaders from across the criminal justice sector.

The conference will receive the keynote address from **Victoria Atkins MP**, Minister of State at the Ministry of Justice before hearing from a variety of experts and leaders in criminal justice.

The conference takes place on **22nd June, 2023**

at

The QEII Centre, London



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

Children and Young People Now Awards

This year's Children and Young People Now Awards are taking nominations and there are a number of categories that youth justice services may wish to enter, including the Youth Justice Award

The award ceremony takes place on 23rd November, 2023 at the Hurlingham Club, London.

Closing date for entries is 23rd June, 2023.

To find out more about the awards and how to apply [click here](#)



The SEND Summit: Policy Reform and Practice Impact

Children & Young People Now is holding its third annual **SEND Summit** on

Tuesday 4th July, 2023

in

Central London.

This event is for practitioners and leaders across the system of SEND support.

Experts will guide delegates through what the reforms mean for practitioners and families, with examples of innovative and effective practice highlighting key insights in supporting a range of needs.

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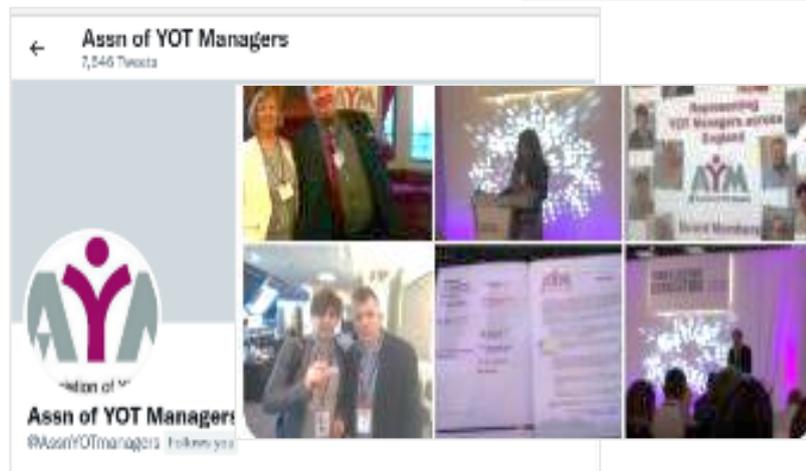
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