

Annual Partnership Review Form

Year ended 31 March 2023

Partnership name:

Young People's Engagement and Justice Service

Partnership function:

To prevent offending and reoffending by children and young people in Darlington

Objectives for the year

- Ensuring there is a reduction of first-time entrants to the youth justice system.
- Continue to focus on the improvement of re-offending rates.
- Continue to reduce the use of custodial placements.
- Monitor locally areas of concern and report to senior management as and when required.
- Continue to support and encourage out of court disposals.
- Continue to maintain high level performance against conflicting financial constraints.

Performance against objectives

1. There has been an increase in first-time entrants and this is an area of focus for 2023-24
2. Continuation of improving re-offending rates in conjunction with Probation targets and utilise reoffending toolkit.
3. This year the YOS continues to maintain low levels of secure remand.
4. Local areas of concern continue to be monitored and reported to senior management as and when required.
5. Successful continuation of diversion and prevention.
6. Continued to maintain high level performance against conflicting financial constraints.

Budget administered

Annual gross expenditure of partnership

1. DBC funding - revenue and capital – £322,145.12
2. Direct government grants – £122,300.00

DBC resources contributed

e.g. finance, employees, accommodation, other assets

Finance:

- 1) Revenue and Capital - £322,145.12

Staffing (FTE):

- 1) Head of Service – 1.0
- 2) Operational Manager – 1.0
- 3) Youth Offending Officers – 5.0
- 4) Information and Administration – 3.0
- 5) Restorative Justice Staff – 4.0

Accommodation: N/A

Other assets: None

Governance arrangements outstanding actions, if any, from partnership toolkit questionnaire

None

Issues of concern, if any e.g. Finance, staffing etc
2023/24

There is confirmation from Probation that there will be no secondment of staff for the service for the next 6 months due to staff shortages in the probation services. Funding for this post has been received from Probation.

Increase in caseloads coming through to YPEJS, some with very complex needs.

Action plan to address issues of concern (including responsible officer and timescales)
Financial contribution to be provided by Probation in order to back fill post.

Ensure Youth Justice oversight and consider priority areas.

Is the partnership to continue?

Yes

Objectives for next year

1. Reduce first-time entrants to the youth justice system.
2. Continue to focus on the improvement of re-offending rates.
3. Continue to reduce the use of custodial placements.
4. Monitor locally areas of concern and report to senior management as and when required.
5. Continue to support and encourage out of court disposals.
6. Continue to maintain high level performance against conflicting financial constraints.

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