

Annual Partnership Review Form

Year ended 31 March 2025

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

1. Ensuring there is a reduction of 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.

Performance against objectives

1. The First Time Entrants have continued to decrease and are one of the lowest in the region.
2. Continuation of improving re-offending rates by utilising the reoffending toolkit.
3. 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 – No indication as yet of settlement figure from YJB

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: Recent move to C Block

Other assets: None

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

None

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

Allocation of funding from YJB is yet to be determined so a level of risk remains
Increase in caseloads coming through to YPEJS, some with very complex needs.

Action plan to address issues of concern (including responsible officer and timescales)

Monitor funding allocation

Ensure Youth Justice oversight and consider priority areas.

Is the partnership to continue?

Yes

Objectives for next year

1. Continue to 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.

Completed By Lead Officer:

Name

Jo Benson

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Service Manager

Date

8th April 2025

Reviewed By Assistant Director:

Name

Chris Bell

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Assistant Director Children's Services

Date

8th April 2025