

YJB / MOJ changes Oct/Nov 2022

Announced Oct 22 – to implement from April 23 : Extracts from MOJ /YJB documents

Three very significant changes are summarised here

- 1) New KPIs from April 23 – Ten additional ones
- 2) New conditions of Grant from 23-24
- 3) Some more detail about the new Turnaround Grants (22-25) to prevent yp entering the Yj system

1) New Key Performance Indicators In addition to the existing 4 ,10 new KPIs are to be required:

- a) Accommodation: % in the community and being released from custody with suitable accommodation
- b) Education, training and employment (ETE): % in the community and being released from custody
- c) SEND % of children who have an identified SEND need (or Additional Learning Need in Wales), are in suitable ETE and have a formal learning plan in place for the current academic year
- d) Mental healthcare and emotional wellbeing: % of children in the community and being released from custody with a screened OR identified need for an intervention to improve mental health or emotional wellbeing; and of that the % of planned/offered interventions; of that % of children attending interventions
- e) Substance misuse: % of children with a screened OR identified need for specialist treatment intervention to address substance misuse; and of that the % of children with planned or offered intervention/treatment; and of that the % number of children attending intervention/treatment
- f) Out of court disposals (OOCs): % of OOC disposal interventions that are completed/not completed
- g) Management Board attendance: monitoring senior partner representation at management boards, and monitoring if partners contribute data from their individual services that identify areas of racial and ethnic disproportionality.
- h) Wider Services: % children who are currently on either an Early Help (EH) plan; on a child protection (CP) plan or classified as Child in need (CiN) or a looked after child (LAC). For Wales only, children who are classified as Children in Need of Care and Support
- i) Serious youth violence (SYV): rates of children convicted for SYV on the YOT caseload
- j) Victims: number of victims who consent to be contact by the YOT, and of those, the number of victims: engaged with Restorative Justice opportunities; asked their view prior to OOC decision-making and planning for statutory court orders; provided information about the progress of the child's case (when requested) and provided with information on appropriate services that support victims (when requested)

In addition Youth Offending Teams will continue to be required to capture data on the 4 current KPIs (First Time Entrants, reoffending binary rate and frequency rate, and the number of children in custody) as they provide a helpful overview of how the youth justice system as a whole is delivering against our principle statutory aim of preventing (re)offending by children. These system measures should continue to inform discussion at a local level. YJB and MoJ will also continue to use the information to perform their oversight function and to understand the performance of the system as a whole. Data collection guidance has been sent out at the same time

2) YJB Conditions of Annual Grant 23-24. NB some changes are highlighted – there may be others buried in the detail !

The principal aim of the funded activities is to prevent children offending and re-offending.

Activities should be delivered based on the best available practice-based evidence.

Governance and Leadership

Management boards must:

Meet regularly with a minimum of 4 fully quorate meetings per year.³

Review the YJS' performance and work together to address the needs of children.⁴

As a minimum, consist of the statutory partner organisations required by legislation (police, health, probation and local authorities).

Invite YJB representation to management board meetings and provide timely board papers.

Service Delivery must include:

Delivery of the full range of youth justice services as specified in relevant legislation.⁵

Adherence to [YJB case management guidance](#) to deliver services to children.

Adherence to [Standards for children in the youth justice system](#) to deliver services to children.

Compliance with audit requirements of these standards. These are currently completed triennially, **and the next audit to take place 2023/24.**

Compliance with the additional oversight and support provided by the YJB, where performance concerns have been identified.

Delivery of a Junior Attendance Centre (JAC) where a service receives additional funding for its delivery.

Use of AssetPlus as the mandated assessment tool for all statutory cases⁶

Data Services must: • Provide required performance data, as set out in the relevant [YJB Data Recording Requirements](#), and all key performance indicators must be submitted to the YJB quarterly.

Reporting

Service are required to:

- Notify the YJB of all serious incidents, as set out in the [Serious Incidents Notification Guidance: Standard Operating Procedure for Youth Justice Services](#).
- **Use local data/tools and the YJB's disproportionality toolkits⁸ to develop an action plan to address identified or anticipated disproportionality concerns.**
- Prepare and submit to the YJB annually a Youth Justice Plan. The plan must be written following the [Guidance](#)⁹ published by the YJB. The plan must be signed off by the chair of the management board.
- Publish Youth Justice Plans in line with relevant legislation¹⁰.

Outcomes As an independent public body with responsibility for monitoring the youth justice system, the YJB gathers information and assess its effectiveness. It aims to form an expert view of how the system can prevent offending and deliver the best outcomes for children who offend and for victims of their crime.

The YJB's work is guided by a child first principle, which puts children at the forefront of all its work. It is committed to this principle given the growing evidence that the supportive and effective approach this offers children, and how it aims to prevent offending and reoffending. The YJB wants to fulfil its vision through ensuring that its work is targeted using the youth justice system aims that apply to the whole system. The outcomes will be to:

- · Reduce the number of children in the youth justice system
- · Reduce reoffending by children in the youth justice system
- · Improve the safety and wellbeing of children in the youth justice system
- · Improve outcomes for children in the youth justice system.

4) Turnaround Programme

(NB there is a great deal of guidance setting out the detail) Each YJS will have been told indicative budget and also an expectation from MOJ of how many children the programme will support during the 3 years. These are the headlines.

All YJSs in England and Wales are eligible for funding over three years from MOJ in partnership with the Youth Endowment Foundation (YEF) Mobilisation funding starts in Dec 22

1. Turnaround Programme (the "Programme") is a voluntary youth early intervention programme . The Programme is a three-year programme which aims to improve outcomes and prevent offending for children who are on the cusp of the youth justice system and who do not meet the threshold for statutory support.
2. The following stages should be completed for all children referred to the programme:
 1. Stage 1 – Triage. All referrals must be screened by the YOT before a child can progress onto the programme.
 2. Stage 2 – Early Help Assessment. Complete an in-depth holistic assessment of a child's needs using the local early help system.
 3. Stage 3 – Interventions. The programme allows flexibility for the YOT to determine which evidence-based interventions will build upon local service delivery and achieve the best outcomes for children. The YOT should follow the Programme Guidance in determining which interventions to offer. To note, funding can be used to meet wider family and underlying needs; policy and processes should be followed as detailed in the programme guidance.

Once a child has received a funded intervention through the Programme, they are not eligible for support funded through the Programme again. Interventions need to be prompt and start within a three-month period of eligibility.

Local YOT Management Boards and their partners may arrange the delivery of services differently, however the following early help principles should be followed in delivering Funded Activities:

- One Assessment – a strength-based assessment that considers the needs of the child and their family.

- One Plan – a plan with evidence-based interventions, developed with the views of the child and their parents or care givers.
- One Lead Practitioner, within or alongside the YOT, is assigned to support the child and is recognised by the family and other professionals involved with the casework.

Agreed Outputs

Reduce the number of children entering the youth justice system.
Reduce the number of children on the cusp of the youth justice system going on to offend.
Improve the safety and wellbeing of children in the programme.
Improve outcomes for children in the programme.

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