

London Youth Justice Newsletter – October 2022

Dear colleagues

As you may have heard, the Youth Justice Strategic Leaders network will be incorporated into our wider children's services sector-led improvement infrastructure, through the **London Innovation and Improvement Alliance**.

Working with ALDCS YJ Policy Lead Pinaki Ghoshal, I will be the conduit for continued communication across YJSL and with our wider youth justice partners. You can expect regular London YJ newsletters and for LIIA to convene thematic events for YJSL and partners as opportunities and need arises.



This is the first of our newsletters which covers significant developments including:-

- **The publication by the Youth Justice Board (YJB) of revised case management guidance.**
- **An update on funding and upcoming events for the MoJ's Turnaround Programme.**
- **Details on the new requirement for YJ services to report on KPIs.**

These are developments that the YJSL may wish to come together to consider.

I look forward to working with YJ colleagues across London. Please don't hesitate to [contact me](#) with queries or for a conversation.

Ben Byrne, LIIA Strategic Lead

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Case Management Guidance

After a review process which has taken three years, the Youth Justice Board has this month published its new [Child First case management guidance](#).

The blog by YJB board member Professor Neal Hazel introducing the new guidance is also worth a read:

[Click here to read the blog.](#)



Turnaround Programme – Funding and upcoming events



Chairs of YJ management boards will now have received details of funding and conditions for the [MoJ's Turnaround Programme](#).

Grant agreements need to be signed and returned by 14th November with mobilisation of the programme between Dec 22 and Mar 23.

Heads of Service have received dates for Turnaround information events. Should others wish to attend an event please contact Turnaround@justice.gov.uk for the dates and invite.

New YJS key performance indicators

Youth justice services will be required to report on an additional 10 KPIs from April 2023 and conditions of YJ grants have been amended accordingly. Board chairs and heads of service received details of the [new KPIs and recording guidance on 26th Oct](#). Graham has kindly shared his summary of both the new KPI requirements and the Turnaround Programme – [click here to read this](#).

Knife arches in youth justice settings



You may have seen the recent article in [CYP Now](#) on the Mayor's lobbying for knife arches in Youth Justice settings.

This follows the murder of Hakim Sillah in Hillingdon while attending a knife awareness course, which was the subject of a review undertaken by John Drew. One of John's recommendations was for all YJ services to fit knife arches or equivalent. This is an issue which divides opinion amongst YJ practitioners, but it is something which all services should at least have considered and come to a view on.

[Click here to read the independent review by John Drew.](#)

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Research project exploring racial disparity in diversion from the youth justice system

Dr Tim Bateman and Dr Anne-Marie Day at the University of Bedfordshire are looking for expressions of interest from YOTs/YJS to take part in a project exploring racial disparity in diversion. The research, which is in partnership with Keele University and is being funded by a grant awarded the Nuffield Foundation will take place over 30 months and will explore the extent to which and in what ways decision-making at the gateway to the youth justice system influences racial disparities within that system.

[Click here to view the request for participants.](#)



Upcoming events

Child First prevention: Improving youth justice interventions

Nov 23rd, 1-5pm, Loughborough University London

Two of the leading proponents of Child First youth justice, Professors Steve Case and Kevin Haines, will be in London to share the outcomes from their latest research into youth justice interventions.

[Click here to sign up](#)

Understanding preventative intervention in youth justice: Context, Mechanisms and Outcomes

PROJECT EVENT: FINDINGS AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE (Buffet and refreshments provided)
Wednesday 23rd November from 1-5pm @ Loughborough University London. E20 3BS

with Stephen Case, Charlie Sutton, Mark Managhan, Joanne Greenhalgh and Judy Wright

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