

Rotherham Youth Justice Board Peer Review Areas for Consideration ACTION PLAN

Title	Date	Outstanding recommendations	Original target date for completion	Revised target date for completion	Status / progress update
Children and Young People's Services					
New					
Rotherham Youth Justice Service Peer Review	March 2022	The Peer Review report and findings have been shared with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotherham Youth Justice Partnership Board: 6th April 2022 Rotherham Youth Justice Partnership Board Development Day 23rd May 2022 Improving Lives Select Commission 3rd May 2022 RMBC SLT: 14th June 2022 Safer Rotherham Partnership: 9th June 2022. Timescales and priority actions agreed at Youth Justice Partnership Board 11/07/2022 			
		Area for improvement 1. Need to develop a new Vision for the partnership and agree priorities going forward.	August 2022		Action completed New vision developed and priorities agreed by Youth Justice Partnership Board on 11/07/2022. This action was signed off as part of the Evidence Challenge Panel on 29/09/2022.
		Area for improvement 2. The Youth Justice Partners need to embed the new LAC Protocol (Reducing unnecessary criminalisation of children) and consider where the operational monitoring of the strategy	December 2022		Action completed The LAC Protocol was signed off by the Youth Justice Partnership Board and now forms part of the triage decision making and the outcomes panel.

		will be owned, tracked and reviewed.			
		Area for improvement 3. Understand and respond to an increase in First Time Entrants (FTE).	December 2022		Action completed Analysis of the data was presented to the Youth Justice Partnership Board in September 22. Rotherham FTE rate reduced in the period April 2021-March 2022 whilst South Yorkshire PCC area and Youth Justice family have increased. Plans are in place with other areas to maintain a consistent approach across South Yorkshire through the VRU and Youth Justice Managers, initiated by Rotherham Youth Justice Service.
		Area for improvement 4. Explore how the partnership can expedite Health pathways and access to health and wellbeing support for children & young people open to the Youth Justice Service.	December 2022		Action Completed Following a successful tender process, two part-time Youth Justice Nurses (1FTE) have commenced in post. The nurses will provide health and wellbeing support for children and young people and provide a pathway into Health services. In addition, an initial 2-year post part time post has been agreed with the Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) Team, which will support our young people with their communication needs. We are in the process of recruiting to this post.
		Area for improvement 5. Strengthen the Education, Employment and Training Offer for Youth Justice young people.	December 2022		Action completed A review of providers and identification of the gaps has been undertaken and the offer to youth justice young people strengthened through direct link to early help outreach and engagement staff.
		Area for improvement 6. Develop how data is presented to the Partnership Board to ensure improvements	March 2023		Action completed Action completed ahead of timescale.

		within the youth justice system can be driven by the partnership to adopt a problem-solving approach to issues and challenges.			<p>Explored at Youth Justice Partnership Board 11/07/22 and agreed to present data in a different format to enable wider system 'problem solving' approach at September Board.</p> <p>New style presentation using info graphics and a summary page was presented to the September RYJPB.</p> <p>New agenda item 'Focussed Conversation' to enable a 'problem solving approach' now in place.</p>
		Area for improvement 7. Enhance Board oversight of effectiveness of Out of Court Disposal decision making across the partnership.	March 2023		<p>Action Completed</p> <p>Up to 3 cases sent to the South Yorkshire Scrutiny panel every quarter, The scrutiny panel will independently quality assure OOCDS by examining a sample cohort of disposals to determine whether the use is appropriate and in compliance with national guidance and local policy following this YJS Service and Team Manager to review and implement any feedback to future cases. Feedback to be also included in the Youth Justice Partnership Board report.</p> <p>Youth Justice Partnership board members have been provided with information to attend OOCDS outcomes panel meeting and will be provided with an end of case summary at the end of the intervention.</p>
		Area for improvement 8. Appoint a Vice Chair to the Youth Justice Partnership Board.	August 2022		<p>Action completed</p> <p>Two Vice Chairs were nominated and approved at the Youth Justice Board on 21st September 2022.</p>
		Area for improvement 9. Reviewing National Standards and Identify and develop operational thematic leads within the Youth Justice Service.	March 2023		<p>Action completed</p> <p>Thematic Leads have been identified and thematic areas allocated to the Senior Practitioners in the Youth Justice Service. An internal audit of the Out of Court and Resettlement National Standards has been undertaken.</p>
		Area for improvement 10. Strengthen current	March 2023		<p>Action completed</p>

		quality assurance arrangements through thematic partnership audits.			Audits and moderations are taking place. Remedies are now included in this process and fed into Quarterly reports for CYPS safeguarding quality and learning.
		Area for improvement 11. Review the partnership sharing and escalation processes and include in new working agreements.	March 2023		Action Completed
		Area for improvement 12. Review the Youth Justice Service's Risk Management Policy and clarify the role of the wider partnership (for example, CAMHS, Education and the Police) and their input into child specific risk management plans.	March 2023		Action Completed The Youth Justice Service Risk Management Policy has been reviewed. This includes clarification of the roles and responsibilities of external partners including how information is recorded in their organisations. The revised policy was shared with stakeholders on the 24 April 2023.
		Area for improvement 13. Workforce and partnership development including the induction for staff (including secondees), volunteers and partnership board members.	March 2023		Action Completed A new induction and observation of Youth Justice practices has been created, this provides new staff, volunteers, and members of the Partnership Board with opportunities to be involved in Youth Justice activities and processes, providing them with a better understanding of the work the Youth Justice Service undertakes. This will include but not limited to attending reparation and Out of Court decision panels.