

## **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**

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### **YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN – ADDENDUM REPORT**

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#### **Summary**

This addendum report provides further information with regards to the amendments made to the Youth Justice Plan.

#### **1. Background**

- 1.1 The covering report to the Youth Justice Plan (Appendix A), made reference to highlighted text where amendments had been made to the document. The version of the Plan attached to the report did not include any highlighted text.
- 1.2 A summary of the key amendments to the plan is set out in Appendix 1. This provides Members with a guide to the refreshed Youth Justice Plan work areas.

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**Refreshed YOT Plan 2013-14**

**Summary of Refreshed YOT Action Plan Work Areas**

**(Latest position on all YOT Plan 2013-14 objectives have been updated)**

**Priority 1: Prevent Young People (YP) entering the Criminal Justice System**

**Outcome: Young people are diverted via alternative appropriate provisions and services**

2. Development of inter agency protocol to reduce number of LAC entering Criminal Justice System.
3. Instigate identification of Health concerns and Learning needs at initial stages. Appoint new Health Professional.
4. Review referral criteria for prevention and diversion with partner agencies.
11. Work with PCC to ensure that prevention work maintains a high degree of priority and is continued to be funded via the PCC.

**Priority 2: Reduce the likelihood of re-offending by those YP currently within the YJS**

**Outcome: Young people are able to achieve their potential and make a positive contribution to our community.**

1. Target resources on high risk, DY0 cases and Resettlement cases.
6. Develop mindfulness training for selected practitioner group to deliver to identified cohort.
7. Create a joint post of YOT Family Function Therapy Practitioner.

**Priority 3: Respond to and manage the impact of changes to the custodial Remand arrangements**

**Outcome: Children and young people have appropriate effective alternatives to custody**

- 1 Track remand costs and monitor and report to YOT Board.
3. Increase hours and days that ISS bail scheme is available using Youth Service and other resources to supplement ISS.
4. Develop a range of measures to reduce number of remands in partnership with Children's Social Care. Including development of Volunteer mentoring scheme.
5. Explore establishing a remand fostering service. Develop joint programme with Kent.

**Priority 4: Identify and manage vulnerability issues**

**Outcome: Young people with identified vulnerabilities receive effective services to promote their safety and well-being**

2. Develop closer working relationships with LAC team conduct review of policies and procedures.

**Priority 5: Promote effective business change in response to the changing Youth Justice landscape**

**Outcome: Young people continue to receive services that are to a high standard and the statutory obligations of the YOT continue to be discharged**

6. Ensure that the planned move of the YOT and IPS to new premises is successfully completed with minimum business disruption.
8. Successfully implement Asset Plus programme onto placement for current YOT Assessment Tool.