

Safer Bromley Partnership

Strategic Group Youth Offending Service Report

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Operational Update:

Over the last three months we have been reviewing our progress against preparation for a forthcoming unannounced inspection of the YOS Partnership. This will be led by HMI Probation inspectorate. This report provides an update of work that has taken place and is underway within the service to improve the offer to our children and young people and practice. The service remains focused on improving practice to address areas for development highlighted in our Practice Assurance Stocktake and practice reviews.

Of the current YOS client group, 78% (70) are male and 22% (20) are female. This is an increase in real terms of 16 children and young people on the same period last year, partly linked to group offending. The types of offences continue to be violence against the person, drugs and motoring offences in Bromley. The number of proven offences committed by children nationally has fallen and changed, however violence against the person offences involving children and young people have seen the greatest increase in proportion, increasing from 19% in the year ending March 2009 to 30% in March 2019. Of the females 4 are on referral orders and the rest on out of court disposals. The ages range from 6 being 14 years old, 2 are 15 years old with the rest (12) aged 16 years to 18 years. In regard to boys the youngest aged currently open to us is aged 13 years old, with the majority of boys being between ages 15-17 years old. In terms of girls and young women this increase is partly attributed to a group of girls offending together and all came into the YOS for specific offences.

Strategic Group Update:

We now have approved *Youth Justice Strategy 2020 to 23* for the YOS partnership with our vision for children and young people at risk or involved in the youth justice system. It specifies our commitment to strengthening our partnership and commitment to improving outcomes for our children and young people.

Our vision is

Our priorities are:

- Reducing the number of first time entrants
- Reducing reoffending by children
- Improving the safety and well-being of children
- Addressing ethnicity disproportionality and other over representation of other protected characteristic and vulnerable groups.
- Protecting the public

- Strengthening our Partnership Board and workforce.

This strategy will inform and shape our work over the next three years and how we will improve practice and outcomes for children and young people at risk or involved in offending.

Action Plan Update:

Action for Safer Bromley Partnership: