

Meeting: Policy and Development Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team)

Date: 1st October 2018

Wards Affected: All

Report Title: Annual Youth Justice Plan 2018/9

Is the decision a key decision? No

When does the decision need to be implemented?

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1. Proposal and Introduction

1.1 There is a statutory requirement for each local authority to set out an annual plan for the delivery of the Youth Justice Service within their area. Torbay Youth Offending Service co-ordinates the provision of youth justice services across Torbay.

1.2 Torbay Youth Justice Service is multi-agency comprising the Police, National Probation Service, health and Local Authority. It's work is overseen by a Joint Peninsula Partnership Board until recently chaired by the Director of Children's Services for Torbay and the chair has now been handed to Devon. In the coming year the oversight of the service will also occur via the Torbay Community Safety Partnership Board. The Youth Offending service works in partnership to achieve the national youth justice strategic priorities:-

- Preventing new entrants to the criminal justice system;
- Reducing re-offending;
- Increase victim and public confidence;
- Ensure the safe and effective use of custody

1.3 A copy of Torbay's Annual Youth Justice Plan for 2017/18 is attached as Appendix 1.

2. Reason for Proposal

- 2.1 Torbay's performance on re-offending and use of custody compares well with statistical comparators first entrants which have fallen in number but remain at a rate that is above South West and National levels. This is a key area for focus in the 2018/19 Plan.
- 2.2 There were 70 young offenders receiving a substantive outcome in Torbay in 17/18. 35% decrease from 108 in 16/17 and this is 0.73% of the 10-17 year old population in Torbay. The YOS is increasingly working with children characterised by more persistent and serious offending which is reflected within the 2017/18 Plan and seeking to support young people to change behaviours.
- 2.3 There has been ongoing reductions in funding from the YJB and local partners in recent years, however, the 2018/19 budget is sufficient to ensure secure service viability and compliance with National Minimum Standards.

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

- 3.1 That the Youth Justice Plan 2018/19, attached at Appendix 1 is approved.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Youth Justice Plan 2018/19