

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2021-2024

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To consider and comment on the progress being made in relation to the Youth Justice Plan 2021-24.

2. Background

- 2.1 Targeted Youth Services /Sunderland Youth Offending Service (YOS) is a multi-agency service comprising of the four statutory agencies of Police, Probation, Health, the Local Authority and Together for Children (TfC) (as TfC is commissioned by the local authority to deliver Children's Services on its behalf).
- 2.2 The service works in partnership with other key agencies such as the area courts and specialist service providers including child mental health, substance misuse and accommodation. Our ethos is to always take a child centred approach in our work.
- 2.3 In December 2022, HM Inspectorate of Probation published the outcome of its inspection of Youth Offending Services in Sunderland. The service received an overall rating of 'Good'. The inspection report was considered by the Committee on 5 January 2023.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 Linda Mason (Service Manager) will be in attendance to introduce the report and outline the progress being made. A copy of the Youth Justice Plan 2021-24 is attached as an appendix.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Committee is requested to consider and comment on the report.

5 Background Papers

Youth Justice Plan 2021-2024
Ofsted Letter Inspection of Youth Offending Service