

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Lead Member for Children's Services |
| Date: | 7 December 2011 |
| Title: | Statutory Wessex Youth Justice Plan for 2011/12 |
| Reference: | 3453 |
| Report From: | The Director of Children's Services |

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This paper seeks the Lead Member's approval for the statutory Wessex Youth Justice Plan for 2011/12.

2. Contextual information

2.1 Wessex Youth Justice Plan 2011/12

Under Section 39 of the Crime and Disorder Act (1998) each Local Authority is required to have an annual Youth Justice Plan. The Wessex Youth Justice Plan for 2011/12 performs this duty on behalf of Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth and Southampton City Councils and endorsement of the plan is sought from the Lead Member. The plan is appended to this report in Appendix B.

- 2.2 The two key aims of the Wessex Youth Justice Plan for 2011/12 are as follows;

- i) Ensure a smooth transition from Wessex YOT to the new Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton Youth Offending Teams.
- ii) Following the Core Case Inspection undertaken in May 2011 the effective implementation of the Wessex Inspection Improvement Plan and the three local inspection improvement plans

- 2.3 Due to disaggregation from 2012/13 onwards, there will be a requirement to have an annual Youth Justice Plan for Hampshire.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1. The Executive member for Children's Services approves the Wessex YOT Youth Justice Plan for 2011/12 in Appendix B on behalf of Hampshire County Council.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

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| Hampshire safer and more secure for all: | |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): | |
| Maximising well-being: | |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): | |
| Enhancing our quality of place: | |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): | |

Other Significant Links

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| Links to previous Member decisions: | | |
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| Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives | | |
| <u>Title</u> | | <u>Date</u> |
| The Crime and Disorder Act | | 1998 |

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.1. Race and equality impact assessment has been considered in the development of this report and no adverse impact has been identified.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. The principle aim of the Wessex YOT is to 'prevent offending and reoffending by young people and the Annual Youth Justice Plan provides the framework behind this objective.

2.2. In Hampshire over the past three years the numbers of young people entering both the youth justice system for the first time and being sentenced to custody has significantly reduced and the proposals in this paper are designed to ensure this downward trend is maintained.

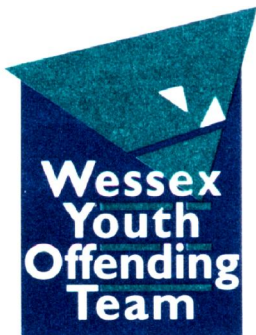
3. Climate Change:

a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

Not applicable

b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

Not applicable



YOUTH JUSTICE STRATEGIC PLAN 2011/12

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Wessex YOT Inspection Improvement Plan

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The last year has undoubtedly been the most challenging in the comparatively short history of Wessex YOT. Reductions in both central and local funding have meant a 23.8% reduction (£2m) in the Wessex YOT budget in 2011/12 compared with the previous financial year.
- 1.2 Some 700k savings were found from a senior management restructure and non staffing costs. The remaining shortfall had to be found from a restructure of middle management and front line staffing with a loss of 30fte posts.
- 1.3 These reductions have been achieved by a combination of staff leaving posts and not being replaced, secondments ending, voluntary redundancy and redeployment. Whilst, to date, compulsory redundancies have been avoided this has clearly been a difficult twelve months for Wessex YOT staff.
- 1.4 Wessex YOT covers the three Local Authority areas of Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton. On the 1/4/11 the Isle of Wight disaggregated from the Wessex YOT partnership and it is highly likely that the remaining three LA's will disaggregate from 1/4/12. A disaggregation group is already in place consisting of key stakeholders from the 3 LA's, Police, Probation and the Courts to ensure a smooth transition to the new Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton YOTs.
- 1.5 In May 2011 Wessex YOT was subject to a Core Case inspection. The Inspection report was published on the 24/8/11 and is available via the following link; www.justice.gov.uk/publications/inspectorate-reports/hmi-probation/inspection-reports---youth/core-case
- 1.6 The Inspection looked at 115 cases in detail and the following ratings were given (table 1).

| | National average score | Wessex score |
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| 'Safeguarding' work (action to protect the young person) | 68% | 55% |
| 'Risk of Harm to others' work (action to protect the public) | 63% | 56% |
| 'Likelihood of Reoffending' work | 71% | 64% |

Table 1

- 1.7 Whilst, overall this was a disappointing outcome, the inspectors found some very good practice, particularly in North Hampshire. In addition where a case had been assessed as high risk the inspectorate took the view that these risks had been well managed. The breaching and returning young people to court for non compliance was also done well.

- 1.8 Following inspection all YOTs are required to submit an improvement plan for approval by the inspectorate, based on the recommendations contained in the inspection report. The key issues that need to be addressed are;
- Inconsistency of practice between Wessex YOT teams, in particular, lack of recording
 - Underscoring of risk and vulnerability in some cases
 - Lack of robust management oversight in some cases
- 1.9 The Wessex YOT Inspection improvement plan which has been approved by the inspectorate is contained within Appendix A. The implementation of the plan will be the primary strategic focus until the disaggregation of Wessex YOT on the 31/3/12. With this in mind, there will be three local improvement plans derived from the Wessex plan to ensure progress is continued post disaggregation in each of three new YOTs.
- 1.10 Given these issues the two key aims of this strategy are to;
- i) Ensure a smooth transition from Wessex YOT to the new Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton YOTs.
 - ii) Effective implementation of the Wessex Inspection Improvement Plan and the three local inspection improvement plans

2. PERFORMANCE REVIEW

- 2.1 In 2010/11 Youth Offending Teams were measured against the following five national indicators.
- Reoffending rates
 - First time entrants to the youth justice system
 - Custodial sentencing
 - Young offenders in education, training and employment (ETE)
 - Disproportionality, rates of Black and Minority Ethnic young people in the youth justice system
- 2.2 Performance in 2010/11 in respect of Wessex and the three Local Authority areas within it was as follows (table 2). The Wessex figures include the Isle of Wight which was part of Wessex YOT in 2010/11.

| NATIONAL INDICATOR | WESSEX | HAMPSHIRE | PORTSMOUTH | SOUTHAMPTON |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Reoffending rate (No. of offences/ cohort x100) | 147.11 (1630/1108) | 136.86 (954/698) | 180.71 (253/140) | 210.06 (334/159) |
| Reoffending 2005 baseline | 138.58 (Cohort 1726) | 117.71 (Cohort 977) | 163.58 (Cohort 302) | 164.0 (Cohort 275) |
| Reducing custody (Target -5%) | 3.48% (111/3191) | 3.02% (50/1656) | 4.34% (21/484) | 4.28% (32/747) |
| ETE Combined (70% local target) | 65.98% (1348/2043) | 64.89% (769/1185) | 69.69% (191/273) | 62.89% (261/415) |
| ETE School age (70% local target) | 67.43% (731/1084) | 66.67% (398/597) | 68.98% (109/158) | 65.2% (152/233) |
| ETE Over School age (70% local target) | 64.33% (617/959) | 63.09% (371/588) | 71.3% (85/115) | 59.89% (109/182) |
| No. 1st Time Entrants to YJS | 1555 (2328 in 2009/10) | 1074 (1478 in 2009/10) | 128 (317 in 2009/10) | 174 (308 in 2009/10) |
| 1st time entrants per 100,000 pop | 865 (1262 in 2009/10) | 874 (1126 in 2009/10) | 758 (1848 in 2009/10) | 920 (1590 in 2009/10) |
| Disproportionality | | | | |
| No. of White offenders | 2999 (95.2%) | 1896 (96.2%) | 322 (91.1%) | 430 (89.8%) |
| No. of Mixed race offenders | 40 (1.3%) | 20 (1%) | 5 (1.4%) | 15 (3.1%) |
| No. of Asian or Asian British offenders | 36 (1.1%) | 19 (1%) | 4 (1.1%) | 12 (2.5%) |
| No. of Black or Black British offenders | 67 (2.1%) | 29 (1.3%) | 15 (4.1%) | 22 (4.6%) |
| No. of Chinese or other ethnic offenders | 10 (0.3%) | 6 (0.3%) | 5 (1.4%) | 0 (0%) |
| No. unknown | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 |

Table 2

2.3 Reoffending rates are tracked for the last quarterly cohort of young people offending in each financial year. Performance is measured against the 2005 cohort baseline. Against this measure reoffending rates in both Wessex and all 3 LA's have risen, but the key point is that

the cohort size across Wessex has fallen dramatically between 2005 and 2010 from 1726 to 1108 (35.8%).

- 2.4 The reduction in the cohort size is principally amongst lower risk young people receiving pre court outcomes such as Reprimands and Final Warnings and first tier community sentences such as Referral Orders. The numbers of higher risk of offending young people receiving more substantial community sentences such as a Youth Rehabilitation Order has fallen but not to the same extent and therefore their impact proportionally on reoffending rates is greater.
- 2.5 Custodial sentencing in Wessex has continued to fall significantly and remains within the national target. In 2008/9 the figure was 240 custodial sentences which dropped to 148 in 2009/10 and has fallen again to 111 in 2010/11 (a 53.7% reduction over two years).
- 2.6 Portsmouth has continued the historically low rates of custodial sentencing for a city of its size/nature and has remained well within the national target despite a small percentage rise in 10/11 compared to the previous year. Due to smaller numbers of young people being sentenced in court, the actual number (21) of young people sent to custody is consistent with the numbers in the two previous years.
- 2.7 Southampton and Hampshire broadly mirrored the Wessex custodial sentencing trend, although in Hampshire 56% (28) of the custodial sentences were imposed on young people from South East Hampshire. Custodial sentencing in the rest of Hampshire is low.
- 2.8 The locally agreed target for young people in Education, Training and Employment (ETE) at the end of their Wessex YOT intervention is 70% below the 90% national target. Overall, ETE performance showed little change from the levels in 2009/10. Portsmouth was the best performing area in Wessex for ETE and was very close to hitting all three local ETE targets in 2010/11.
- 2.9 There has been a drastic reduction (33.2%) in first time entrants across Wessex in 2010/11 compared to the previous year. Much of this is due to the successful implementation of the Triage process in the Cities and its roll out across the whole of Hampshire. Triage allows the police to deal informally with young people committing minor offences but still allowing YOT intervention in appropriate cases when assessed as necessary. This dramatic reduction in numbers also gives an explanation for the reduced reoffending cohort numbers referred to in 2.4 and 2.5.
- 2.10 The disproportionality figures show relatively small numbers of BME young people within the youth justice population in Wessex which make it difficult to draw any firm conclusions.

2.11 The greatest proportion of BME young people continues to be in Southampton where the percentage of Black/Black British young people in the youth justice system has risen in 2010/11 but this is actually only an increase of one young person in actual numbers.

3. RESOURCING AND VALUE FOR MONEY

3.1 The funding of Wessex YOT for 2011/12 is shown in Table 3 below;

| Allocations by partner. 2011/12 (£) | Local Authority | Health | Police | Probation | Youth Justice Board | TOTAL |
|--|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Hampshire | 2,155,652 | 236,187 | 371,493 | 412,679 | 1,648,980 | 4,824,992 |
| Southampton | 617,036 | 19,697 | 93,514 | 103,882 | 415,090 | 1,249,218 |
| Portsmouth | 490,631 | 15,000 | 69,001 | 76,651 | 306,280 | 957,563 |
| TOTAL | 3,263,319 | 271,884 | 534,008 | 593,212 | 2,370,349 | 7,031,772 |

Table 3

3.2 Due to both national and local funding cuts this represents a £2m reduction in the Wessex YOT budget for 2011/12.

3.3 Table 4 Shows that in 2010/11 Wessex YOT undertook 2209 statutory interventions. The Wessex figures include the Isle of Wight which was part of Wessex YOT in 2010/11

3.4 This compares with 2363 in 2009/10. However, this figure does not include prevention work such as Triage, Youth Inclusion Support Panels (YISP) and Youth Intervention Programmes (YIP), or Parenting and Bail/Remand work.

| | Wessex* | Hampshire | Portsmouth | Southampton |
|--|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Pre court interventions (Final Warning Interventions) | 193 | 122 | 9 | 35 |
| 1st Tier sentences (Referral and Reparation Orders) | 792 | 437 | 125 | 148 |
| Community Sentences (All other Community Sentences) | 1113 | 582 | 183 | 261 |
| Custodial sentences | 111 | 50 | 21 | 32 |
| TOTAL | 2209 | 1191 | 338 | 476 |

* The Wessex total includes data from the IOW, so reliable comparisons can be made with previous yrs
Table 4

3.5 In 2006/7 the total number of statutory interventions delivered by Wessex YOT was 3247, so there has been a decrease of 1038 (32%) over the last 4 financial years. Pre Court Interventions have seen the most significant fall from 819 to 193 (76%), but this includes the

introduction of the Youth Restorative Disposal, which can provide an intensive intervention where necessary in order to prevent a young person entering the youth justice system. There have also been a decline in the other three areas; 1st Tier sentences (1124 to 792, - 30%), Community Sentences (1085 to 1113, show a small increase of 3%) and Custodial Sentences (260 to 111, - 57%).

- 3.6 The reasons for this are partially due to population demographics, as the numbers of young people in the 10 to 17 age range has declined over this period, but also due to the impact of preventative work to reduce the numbers of young people entering the youth justice system for the 1st time. The introduction of Triage (see 2.9) over the last 18 months has had a significant impact on Pre-Court and 1st Tier Sentences.
- 3.7 Wessex YOT currently commissions two services via Hampshire County Council using their thorough commissioning processes. The first is the volunteer Appropriate Adult Service for young people aged 10-16 detained for questioning in the Police station where a parent/guardian is unable to attend. This contract was re-tendered in the summer of 2009 and a saving of 20k pa was made.
- 3.8 The second is a Restorative Justice (RJ) and Reparation Service which provides both direct and indirect reparation services to victims of youth crime, or where this is not possible to the local community. The use of Restorative Justice where young offenders and victims meet face to face in a safe environment is actively promoted.
- 3.9 Both contracts are currently held by Catch 22, although they sub contract Appropriate Adult work in Portsmouth and South East Hampshire to Motiv8, a local voluntary agency.
- 3.10 In 2010/11 a review of the Intensive Supervision and Surveillance Programme (ISSP), was undertaken and following this ISSP management and staff were integrated within Wessex YOT operational teams to provide greater cohesion to ISSP delivery.
- 3.11 Wessex YOT remains a key partner of the Remand Fostering Service commissioned by Hampshire Children's Services on behalf of the 4 L.A's in the Wessex area from Action for Children. The Remand Fostering Service provides specially trained foster carers to provide placements via the Courts to young people who have been charged with serious offences as an alternative to being Remanded in Custody. The contract also allows the placement of young people at risk of committing serious offences.
- 3.12 Since the beginning of 2011/12 Wessex YOT has for the first time purchased the vast majority of its induction and training programme, via Hampshire County Councils Learning and Development team. Key to this new approach is the creation of a new Workforce Development

Officer post with a youth justice specialism. This has enabled Wessex YOT to retain a high quality and bespoke Youth Justice training programme but also benefit from being able to access other training resources from within the Learning and Development Team.

4. STRUCTURES AND GOVERNANCE

- 4.1 The Wessex YOT partnership continues to consist of the statutory partners as prescribed by the 1998 Crime & Disorder Act and Wessex YOT is governed by a management board that meets quarterly consisting of senior officers from statutory partners i.e. the 3 Local Authorities and the 3 Primary Care Trusts that are coterminous with the L.A.'s, in addition, Hampshire Constabulary and Hampshire Probation Trust.
- 4.2 In addition other key stakeholders such as HM Court Service and a District Council Housing representative are also represented on the Management Board.
- 4.3 The Chairing of the Management Board rotates annually between the Wessex YOT partners and is currently held by the Director of Children's Services for Hampshire County Council.
- 4.4 Within the Board membership there is representation from each of the Children's Trusts in the 4 L.A. areas to ensure clear strategic linkages and the Head of Service also sits on each of the Children's Trust Boards.
- 4.5 Quarterly Performance and budgetary reports are considered at each meeting of the Wessex YOT Management Board. The latter are presented by the Head of Finance for Hampshire Children's Services who is the Treasurer to the Wessex YOT Board. Hampshire Children's Services hold Wessex YOT's pooled budget on behalf of the Board and also provide most of the Wessex YOT infrastructure i.e. Financial support, Human Resources, Commissioning and Procurement, Information Technology etc.
- 4.6 In addition to performance data being reported on a Wessex wide basis, data for each of the 3 Local Authority areas is presented and in Hampshire the data is broken down further into the 11 District Council areas.
- 4.7 To ensure that local performance is scrutinised and action taken to address local priorities, there are 3 steering groups based on the 3 L.A. areas. In the two cities the steering groups are combined with other local strategic groups.
- 4.8 Given the likelihood of disaggregation, these steering groups will during 2011/12 become 'shadow' management boards so they will be ready to

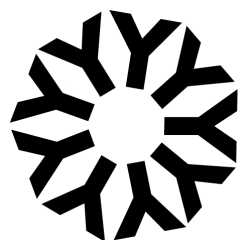
take over the governance of the relevant local YOT post Disaggregation. As a result the terms of reference and membership of these groups will need to change to reflect this.

5. PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS

- 5.1 Wessex YOT continues to be represented at a senior management level on the following strategic groups and contributes to the strategic plans and objectives of these groups:
- The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Criminal Justice Board
 - The 3 Children's Trust Boards
 - The 3 Local Children's Safeguarding Boards
 - The 13 Community Safety Partnerships
 - The Hampshire and IOW Multi – Agency Public Protection Arrangements Strategic Management Board.
- 5.2 A significant development in 2010/11 has been the establishment of the Wessex Resettlement Consortium, comprising of the 3 LA's in the Wessex YOT partnership as well as the Isle of Wight Council and key voluntary sector and secure estate partners at Ashfield Young Offenders Institution, Medway Secure Training Centre and Swanwick Lodge Secure Children's Home.
- 5.3 The key aim of the Consortium is to make an 'enhanced offer' for all young people from Wessex leaving the secure estate institutions listed at 5.2 to provide them with assistance immediately on their release to break the 'revolving door' of custody. This group is being targeted as young people leaving custody generally pose the greatest risk of reoffending and returning to custody. The enhanced offer has 15 elements and includes help to find supportive accommodation and support with education, training, employment.
- 5.4 The Wessex Consortium is also hoping (via a YJB grant) to introduce video conferencing (VC) facilities in its main operational offices to link with VC equipment being funded by the YJB in the three secure estate consortium members. This will certainly help remove some of the barriers caused by the geographical distance between Wessex and Ashfield and Medway in particular.
- 5.5 In 2010/11 Wessex YOT has been represented at, and contributed to each of the emerging Local Children's Partnerships (LCP's) within Hampshire, which are based on groupings of schools rather than District Council areas. This has already allowed Wessex YOT to forge partnerships with schools.
- 5.6 The Prevention Service that WESSEX YOT provides on behalf of Hampshire County Council has reduced in size due to budget reductions but still provides countywide coverage. During the first part

of 2011/11 the management of this service is being transferred across to Hampshire Children's Services Area Team, but will still retain a distinct focus on youth crime prevention work.

- 5.7 In April 2011 the Head of Wessex and the small Headquarters team moved out of their High Street offices in Winchester, into Hampshire Children's Services offices a short distance away. This move will save in the region of 44k pa.
- 5.8 The Children's Trust structure arrangements in Portsmouth have been rationalised over the last year and Wessex YOT is a key contributor to Priority D Children and Young People at risk) in the Portsmouth Children and Young Persons Plan.
- 5.9 In February 2010 Portsmouth City Council decided to dispose of the ageing Darby House premises in Cosham, where both the Portsmouth City and and SE Hampshire operational YOT teams were based. In April 2011 both teams successfully moved to offices with Fareham Borough Council, near to the Youth Court at Fareham. The ISSP team based at Drayton also moved to Fareham at the same time following the expiry of the lease on the building they occupied. This move has led to savings of approximately 30k per annum.
- 5.10 Wessex YOT has continued to engage with the new Children's Services locality teams in Southampton which has strengthened links at both an operational and strategic level.
- 5.11 Wessex YOT will continue to ensure it plays its part in the roll out of Integrated Offender Management, led by the Police and Probation across the Wessex area. A review of the role of seconded Wessex YOT Police Officers is currently underway to reflect the increasing priority IOM has locally.
- 5.12 The Forensic CAMHS pilot is now in its final year and has, in particular been successful in helping Wessex YOT staff manage the risks proposed by young perpetrators of sexual offences. An evaluation of the project is currently underway with the aim of securing continued funding for the next financial year onwards.
- 5.13 Over the past 4 years Wessex YOT has been fully engaged with several successful 3 week pilot dance projects for vulnerable young people, including those who have offended or are at risk of doing so. Wessex YOT has a been a key partner in the setting up of the Wessex Dance Academy in Winchester which can now provide three 12 week dance Projects for vulnerable young people throughout the year in a dance studio environment. The dance projects will continue to be supported by professional dancers and staff from stakeholders, including Wessex YOT staff.



| Recommendation | What will be done? | Who will do it? | Timetable for completion: | Review date and progress: |
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| <p>1. Asset assessments and plans should be timely and of good quality providing a robust analysis of the current needs of the case that is not obscured by previous information except where it is relevant.</p> | <p>a) Monthly Wessex YOT QA Asset and intervention plan peer review audits to continue on a more targeted basis for Wessex YOT staff where this has been identified as an area of improvement.</p> | <p>Area Manager (Performance & training)</p> | <p>30th September 2011 and monthly thereafter</p> | |
| | <p>b) Targeted local QA audits to become embedded in each operational team and results reported to Wessex YOT Senior Management at their monthly meeting.</p> | <p>Head of Service, Area & Team Managers</p> | <p>31st December 2011</p> | |
| | <p>c) Monitoring of Assets whose scores remain unchanged following review and</p> | <p>Area Manager (Performance & training)</p> | <p>30th September 2011 & monthly thereafter</p> | |

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| | <p>forwarding Team Mgrs to check duplication.</p> <p>d) Anonymised examples of good assessments and planning to be made available to Wessex YOT staff as part of the QA process.</p> <p>e) Area/Team Managers to review plans of community cases in each supervision session with staff and to record review(s) on case file.</p> | <p>Area Manager (Performance & training)</p> <p>Area/Team Managers</p> | <p>31st December 2011</p> <p>30th September 2011 & monthly thereafter</p> | |
| <p>2. Specifically, a timely and good quality assessment of the individual's vulnerability and risk of harm to others is completed at the start in appropriate cases.</p> | <p>a) Effective monthly checks of Assets indicating high levels of risk and/or vulnerability to ensure a relevant plan is in place.</p> <p>b) Random monthly checks of Assets showing medium and low risk of harm to ensure the level of risk has been assessed correctly</p> <p>c) Training for all caseholding</p> | <p>Area & Team Manager</p> <p>Area & Team Manager</p> <p>Area Manager (Performance &</p> | <p>30th September 2011 & monthly thereafter</p> <p>30th September 2011 & monthly thereafter</p> <p>31st of March 2012</p> | |

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| | <p>staff (2 days) in assessment/planning/ recording of risk of harm and vulnerability to be provided for staff.</p> <p>d) Regular observation of front line practice by Wessex YOT Managers; all practitioners to have their practice observed at least twice yearly.</p> | <p>training)/Workforce Development Officer (Youth Justice)</p> <p>Wessex YOT Management Team</p> | <p>30th of September 2011 & at least monthly thereafter</p> | |
| 3. Children and young people, and their parents/carers are actively and meaningfully involved in assessment and planning, including the timely use of self assessments and the assessment of learning styles | <p>a) Promotion of the use of 'What do you think' Assets to continue with monthly monitoring of completion rates to be introduced.</p> <p>b) Use of Learning Styles assessment tool to become embedded.</p> <p>c) Monitoring of use/quality of learning styles questionnaires by Wessex YOT Diversity Group.</p> | <p>Head of Service / Area /Team Managers</p> <p>Head of Service/ Area /Team Manager</p> <p>Head of Service/ Wessex YOT Diversity Group</p> | <p>31st December 2011</p> <p>31st December 2011</p> <p>30th September 2011 & quarterly thereafter</p> | |
| 4. As a consequence of the assessment, the record of the | <p>a) See also Actions 1a), b) & e) and 2c)</p> | <p>Area Manager (Performance & training)</p> | <p>See Actions 1a) 1b) & 2b)</p> | |

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| <p>intervention plan is specific about what will now be done to safeguard the child or young person from harm, to make them less likely to reoffend, and to minimise any identified Risk of Harm to others. In particular the plan of work should set appropriate goals and be clearly sequenced.</p> | <p>b) Safeguarding training to be provided for staff where identified as a learning need.</p> | <p>Area Manager (Performance & training)/Workforce Development Officer (Youth Justice)</p> | <p>31st of March 2012</p> | |
| <p>5. Vulnerability management plans are completed on time and are of good quality. They clarify the roles and responsibilities of staff and include planned responses to changes in the child or young person's own vulnerability.</p> | <p>a) see Actions 2a & b</p> | <p>Area/Team Managers</p> | <p>30th September 2011 & monthly thereafter</p> | |
| <p>6. For both custodial and community cases, the plan of work is</p> | <p>a) Team and Area Managers notified monthly of those young people in custody where</p> | <p>Area/Team Managers/ Wessex Resettlement Co-</p> | <p>30th September 2011 & monthly thereafter</p> | |

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| <p>regularly reviewed and correctly recorded in Asset with a frequency consistent with national standards for youth justice.</p> | <p>a review of the intervention/pre release plan is due to ensure a timely/correct review of the plan is done.</p> <p>b) See also Action 1e).</p> | <p>ordinator</p> <p>Area/Team Managers</p> | <p>From 30th September 2011 onwards</p> | |
| <p>7. There is regular and effective oversight by management, especially of screening decisions and ensuring planned actions are delivered. Management comments should be recorded within the case record as appropriate to the case.</p> | <p>a) Case discussions/decision in monthly supervision sessions to be promptly recorded on case file by line managers.</p> <p>b) Risk of Serious Harm Assets to be effectively quality assured before counter signing by managers.</p> <p>c) A random list of counter-signed ROSH Assets to be produced monthly and checked for quality by Wessex YOT Senior Managers.</p> <p>d) All Wessex YOT Team Managers to participate in 2 days training in risk/vulnerability management.</p> | <p>Area/Team Managers</p> <p>Area/Team Managers</p> <p>Head of Service/Area Managers</p> <p>Head of Performance & Training/WESSEX YOT Team Mgrs</p> | <p>From 30th September 2011 onwards</p> <p>From 30th September 2011 onwards</p> <p>From 30th September 2011 onwards</p> <p>31st December 2011</p> | |

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| <p>8. The case record should at all times contain accurate, sufficient and up to date information, in order to support the continuity of services to children and young people. This should include sufficient information on interventions delivered by others.</p> | <p>a) See also Actions 1a, 1b & 2c</p> <p>b) A random list of cases to be produced monthly and checked for quality by WESSEX YOT Senior Managers.</p> | <p>Head of Service /Area Managers</p> | <p>From 30th September 2011 onwards</p> | |
| <p>Name of person completing this plan: Ian Langley</p> | | <p>Designation: Head of Wessex YOT</p> | | <p>Date: 19/8/11</p> |

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