

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE LEAD MEMBER FOR
Children's Services**

WESSEX YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2010/11

1. The Executive Lead Member has approved the Wessex Youth Offending Team Youth Justice Plan for 2010/11 on behalf of Hampshire County Council.
2. The Crime and Disorder Act (1998) requires Youth Offending Teams to produce an annual Youth Justice Plan, which is approved by the Youth Justice Board (YJB) on behalf of the Government.
3. Wessex Youth Offending Team (WYOT) covers the four Local Authority areas of Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton and includes statutory partners from Children's Services Departments, Primary Care Trusts, Hampshire Constabulary and Hampshire Probation Trust. It is the largest Youth Offending Team in England and Wales.
4. The Youth Justice Plan provides a complex analysis of the work, achievements and challenges of the WYOT. It is divided into sections including: resourcing and value for money, structures and governance, partnership arrangements, and risks to future delivery. It also includes the Capacity and Capability Plan for 2010/11, which contains performance data and a comprehensive self assessment against nine key areas.
5. The Capacity & Capability section of the Youth Justice Plan covers the six National Performance Indicators for Youth Offending Teams and the 2010/11 report identified that significant improvement was made in three of the six areas. More modest improvement was also made in the area of young offenders' engagement in education, training and employment. An increase in the rate of reoffending in Hampshire was of concern and actions to tackle this were identified.
6. The report arises from consideration of the report by the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services on 22 July 2010 which is on Hantsweb at: http://www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings/advsearchmeetings/meetingsitemsummary.htm?pref=Y&tab=1&item_ID=1599&cancel=n