

Following the full joint inspection of Dorset Combined Youth Justice Service, HMI Probation made six recommendations that they believe, if implemented, will have a positive impact on the quality of youth justice services in Dorset. This will improve the lives of the children in contact with youth justice services, and better protect the public.

Governance for this plan will be provided by the YJS Management Board. Progress on this plan will also be reported to the Dorset Council Strengthening Services Board, to the BCP Council Area Child Safeguarding Committee and to the respective local authority quality assurance and performance boards. Quality Assurance for actions in this plan will be integrated into the DCYJS audit programme, linking with audit activity by partner agencies. This plan was implemented fully on 01/02/2023 with some actions being implemented after the inspection fieldwork to ensure improvements delivered at pace.

Ref	Ofsted recommendation	Action required and identify if applies to different partners/LA	Start Date and action owner	Target Date	Updates
<b>The Dorset Combined Youth Justice Service partnership board should:</b>					
1	Review the board arrangements to ensure effective strategic partnerships across the combined area and consider whether additional independent chairing arrangements could enhance these.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board chair role to rotate between local authorities in line with Board Terms of Reference.</li> <li>Board to agree improvements to enhance the effectiveness of our strategic partnership</li> </ol>	<p>To agree schedule at the next board (27/01/23) – TL, CH</p> <p>Board development session November 2022, actions to be implemented in 2023 – Board Chair</p>	<p>End of January 2023</p> <p>Review in October 2023</p>	<p>Dorset Council to continue chairing the Board pending longer-term review</p> <p>For review later in 2023</p>
2	Develop a shared approach across the partnership to addressing child exploitation and county lines and	1. Both local authorities and their	January 2023	March 2023	Review of CE documentation in

	<p>put a framework in place which promotes effective practice.</p>	<p>partner agencies, including YJS, to review their CE screening and assessment tools and CE meeting processes, as part of the pan-Dorset CE Strategy review.</p> <p>2. Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children’s Partnership to agree and implement a training plan to promote the revised CE tools and procedures.</p> <p>3. Survey of partnership staff to check awareness and confidence about new CE tools and procedures</p>	<p>Paula Golding (Dorset) Juliette Blake (BCP)</p> <p>Laurence Doe March 2023</p> <p>YJS Board members</p>	<p>September 2023</p> <p>September 2023</p>	<p>progress. YJS Board requested pan-Dorset tools if possible.</p> <p>Waiting on the new CE documentation</p> <p>To follow implementation of the new CE tools and procedures</p>
3	<p>Continue to support and challenge all schools to ensure that YJS children receive their full entitlement to education</p>	<p>1. Develop YJS processes for monitoring and review of education offers to include monthly review with local authority</p>	<p>David Webb Kelly Twitchen (BCP) Amanda Davis (Dorset) February 2023</p>	<p>March 2023</p>	<p>YJS ETE officers are reviewing child-level issues with VS, SEND and Inclusion. Development meetings in April and May with BCP and DC EET</p>

		<p>colleagues and agreed action plans.</p> <p>2. Review local processes to speed up the response to find suitable provision for children who have been permanently excluded.</p>	<p>Kelly Twitchen</p> <p>Amanda Davis</p> <p>March 2023</p>	<p>June 2023</p>	<p>teams to improve joint work.</p> <p>Directors of Education will present to July Board meeting on joint work with YJS to reduce exclusions and meet other educational needs</p>
4	<p>Improve partnership working with children's social care by ensuring YJS case manager involvement in all statutory multi-agency meetings and improve their direct access to children's social care records.</p>	<p>1. Obtain access to Mosaic for YJS case managers working in each local authority.</p> <p>2. YJS to share weekly caseload information with each local authority to enable the responsible local authority staff to invite relevant YJS practitioners to multi-agency meetings</p> <p>3. YJS management case supervision to include checks of YJS being invited to multi-agency meetings.</p>	<p>David Webb</p> <p>January 2023</p> <p>David Webb</p> <p>February 2023</p> <p>David Webb</p> <p>February 2023</p>	<p>January 2023</p> <p>March 2023</p> <p>February 2023</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>YJS caseload info shared monthly with local authority information colleagues. Working on local authority processes to check relevant professionals, including YJS, are invited to multi-agency meetings</p> <p>Complete</p>

		<p>4. YJS data recording to show inclusion in multi-agency meetings for children with a social worker, with collated information to be reported to the YJS Board.</p> <p>5. Increased attendance by YJS practitioners in shared spaces</p> <p>6. YJS and CSC in each local authority to increase instances of joint work, eg attendance at team meetings, shadowing, named link workers for services.</p>	<p>David Webb March 2023</p> <p>David Webb April 2023</p> <p>David Webb, Paul Dempsey, Juliette Blake January 2023</p>	<p>March 2023</p> <p>July 2023</p> <p>June 23</p>	<p>Complete</p>
<b>The YJS service manager should:</b>					
5	Analyse the reoffending of children subject to out-of-court disposals and monitor the effectiveness of the disposals given	1. Undertake detailed analysis, using the reoffending toolkit, to show reoffending rates for different OOC disposal types,	David Webb – to report to Board in April 2023	April 23	Complete. Included in April 23 Board Performance Report

		including profile of children who reoffend			
6	Improve the analysis and quality of assessments to ensure there is effective and robust understanding regarding the risk of harm a child can pose to others.	<p>1. Provide additional AssetPlus training for staff who joined DCYJS in 2022</p> <p>2. YJS managers workshop and benchmarking activity to agree standards for sign-off of ROSH assessments</p> <p>3. Workshop for case managers to identify and share good practice</p> <p>4. Periodic focused case audit exercises to monitor progress in risk of harm assessments</p>	<p>David Webb December 2022</p> <p>David Webb February 2023</p> <p>David Webb April 2023</p> <p>David Webb July 2023</p>	<p>Dec 22</p> <p>Feb23</p> <p>June 23</p> <p>Ongoing audit activity</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Date to be confirmed</p> <p>Included in case audit of weapon offences Apr-May 23. Audit completion by 31/5/23. Will be reported to next Board meeting.</p>