



Youth Justice Blueprint Implementation Plan

Improved partnership between devolved and non-devolved services to deliver youth justice in Wales is a shared priority of UK and Welsh Governments. This implementation plan sets out a shared commitment to exploring recommendations made by the Youth Justice Board Cymru

Thematic Area	Recommendation (milestone)	Recommendation (milestone)	Timescale
Prevention	Seek to retain dedicated funding for Youth Offending Team (YOT) prevention and pre-court diversion activity through the Promoting Positive Engagement (PPE) Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following publication of the evaluation report on the Children's and Community Grant (CCG) in May 2019 seek assured funding to support delivery of prevention, early intervention and diversion ambitions 	Short term
	Develop a national approach for targeted YOT prevention activity and ensure it is embedded in a joint framework model for Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Map existing measures on data collection approaches, reporting requirements and targeted interventions delivered locally and nationally, including youth justice prevention work, youth work activity and local authority services, to determine good practice in delivering well-being outcomes. Consider whether a Wales system-wide position statement on youth justice prevention would be appropriate. 	Short term
	Enhanced monitoring of prevention activity to demonstrate impact and improve the evidence base	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the potential to use existing Dyfed Powys materials to provide better, more consistent evidence of activity and effectiveness 	Short term
	Alignment of reporting mechanisms/conditions of funding across the Welsh Government, Youth Justice Board and Police and Crime Commissioner contributions to prevention activity and pre-court diversion to reduce bureaucracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyse contributions to prevention from YOT annual youth justice plans and seek opportunities to inform how alignment and pooled funding could be taken forward. 	Short term
Pre-Court Diversion	Support existing approaches to pre-court diversion through Bureau and Divert (formerly Triage)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to support and fund pre-court diversion work to reduce first time entrants into the youth justice system Retaining control over funding and influence are essential to realising Welsh Government and wider justice partner objectives. 	Ongoing
	Development of diversionary practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with police forces and PCCs to identify, develop and share good practice and establish consistency in approach across Wales Explore whether youth restorative disposal/community resolutions are consistently notified by the Police to YOTs Work with PCCs and Children's Commissioner for Wales to establish children's rights when issued with a restorative disposal including legal safeguards and advice provided to children Explore the potential for a cannabis diversion project as recommended by HMI Probation 	Short term

Community	Work with police to ensure that Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are identified when children come to the attention of the police and the YOTs are informed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Map existing provision for ACEs recording including Early Action Together (EAT) and make recommendations on information sharing and further policy development for children 	Short term
	Roll-out Enhanced Case Management (ECM) nationally for complex and high-risk children under YOT supervision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to develop, support and evaluate ECM pilot in four YOTs across South Wales (Cardiff, Cwm Taf, Vale of Glamorgan and the YOTs that formerly made up Western Bay), ending in March 2020. Support and develop work in the test areas (Blaenau Gwent Caerphilly, Carmarthenshire and Flintshire) to embed ECM practice. Roll-out trauma-informed training to all YOTs in Wales including developing materials to assist in start-up. Develop Agreed qualifications: level 1 basic awareness of ACEs, level 2 understanding the Trauma Recovery Model or theory underpinning trauma-informed practice and level 3 ECM practitioner. 	Medium term
Resettlement and Transition	Adopt the YJB's proposal for Constructive Resettlement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration to be given to how to adopt the YJB proposal, taking into account the MoJ national guidance and the Farmer Review 	Short term
	Develop family work to include family-focused preparation for the child's release	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welsh Government Crime and Justice Team to develop proposals to integrate this recommendation with the supporting (adult) offenders and their families workstream of the Framework to Support Positive Change for Those at Risk of Offending in Wales 2018 -2023. 	Short term
	Revisit proposals to introduce re-integration and resettlement partnerships in legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore and consult with resettlement partners regarding reintegration and resettlement partnerships. Review proposals (to introduce legislation on reintegration and resettlement partnerships) from the delivery plan for Children and Young People First, the joint Youth Justice Strategy for Wales published in 2014. 	Short term
	Develop trauma-informed approaches for those making the transition to adult services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with National Probation Service and Public Health Wales to identify trauma informed practice, as part of wider refresh of transitions guidance for Wales 	Short term
Custody	All Welsh resident children remanded or sentenced to custody to be in small units in Wales, based on a trauma-informed model, with hub and spoke service delivery to the community for complex and high-risk cases under YOT supervision and on resettlement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyse the requirement and forecast need for Wales 	Short term
	Assess the secure custody provision to meet the needs of children requiring all forms of secure care: in-patient mental health care, detox for substance misuse or placement on a secure welfare order and including justice beds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify potential options to meet need and investigate approach to commissioning, placement, operation, delivery of specialist services, monitoring and oversight for a secure facility Secure funding and approval for implementation 	Medium term
System Oversight	Establish how a national model for a national trauma-informed youth justice service meets the needs of children and young people in Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine the detail of the model including funding, powers, responsibilities and governance to strengthen existing partnership arrangements and support a co-sponsored youth justice service jointly owned by the UK Government and Welsh Government. 	Short term
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review options for future data sets, assessment methodologies to support a trauma-informed system 	Medium term
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with Inspectorates to ensure inspection requirements fit the whole-system trauma informed delivery model 	Long Term
Timescale Key			
Short term	1yr 2019-2020		
Medium Term	2yr 2020/21 – 2021/22		
Long term	3yrs + 2022/2023		