
Report to Children and Young People Scrutiny Board

Oldham Youth Justice Partnership Plan 2025-26

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Purpose of the Report

The Oldham Youth Justice Partnership Plan 2025-26 has been presented to and approved in principle by Julie Daniels, Executive Director Children and Young People and the Oldham Youth Justice Partnership Management Board.

Recommendations

For the board to note the 2025/26 plan and make recommendations to full council.

1 Background

- 1.1 Local authorities have a statutory duty to submit an annual youth justice plan relating to their provision of youth justice services. Section 40 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 sets out the youth justice partnership's responsibilities in producing a plan. It states that it is the duty of each local authority, after consultation with the partner agencies, to formulate and implement an annual youth justice plan, setting out how youth justice services in their area are to be provided and funded, how they will operate, and what functions will be carried out.
- 1.2 The Oldham Youth Justice Plan sets out the strategic direction for youth justice in Oldham, taking a partnership approach to reducing re-offending, reducing the number of first time entrants into the criminal justice system and reducing the use of custody.
- 1.3 This plan has been developed based on local management information and performance data and is in line with the needs of children, young people and families in Oldham.
- 1.4 There is acknowledgment that the plan is significant in length. However, this is dictated by the template provided by the national Youth Justice Board. The Service Delivery Plan can be found in Appendix 4 of the embedded document.

2 Current position

- 2.1 This plan has been approved in principle by Julie Daniels, Executive Director Children and Young People and the Youth Justice Partnership Management Board.
- 2.2 Progress of the plan will be monitored through the Youth Justice Partnership Management Board on a quarterly basis.

3 Options/ Alternatives

- 3.1 As it is a statutory duty for the local authority, it is not possible to provide an alternative option to this plan. Each youth justice service must have an annual plan in place, in this format, as part of the requirements of the youth justice core grant.

4 Consultation

- 4.1 The Youth Justice Partnership Management Board and Children and young people working with Oldham Youth Justice Service were consulted in the formulation of this plan.

5 Conclusion

- 5.1 Oldham Youth Justice Service is a high performing service who lead the way in re-offending rates and use of custody among comparative groups. We pride ourselves on a child-first approach to provide positive outcomes for children, young people and families through innovative practice. This plan seeks to continue to build on current performance and achieve an outstanding inspection outcome for the service.

Appendix 1 – Oldham Youth Justice Plan 2025-26



Oldham YJ Plan
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