

Torbay Youth Justice Improvement Plan 2023-24

November 2023 Update

Our Vision: -

‘Keep young people and their communities safe by working in collaboration with other services to help children recognise and repair the impact of harmful behaviour and develop a positive future’.

RAG Key	Green = On Track / Completed	Amber = In progress	Red = Delayed / unresolved issues	Grey = Not Due/ not started
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	Area for Improvement / Outcome desired	Action	Timescale	Update	RAG
1.	Child First approach to all we do	a) Ensure that that TYJS adheres to the YJB Child First approach in all aspects of our delivery. b) All staff to be trained in Child First approach in youth justice services. c) Hear and respond to the voice of the child and carers not only in the delivery of their intervention but in the development of the service. d) Review our systems and methodology for ensuring feedback is used to improve services.	Ongoing Within 6 months July 23	a) All internal audits and QA work will include assessment of our Child First approach & will be reported back YJS boards. b) All new staff have been trained. c) A short report went to the Sept Board, this is a ‘work in progress’ and will be improved as more data comes through from all service users. d) New approach is starting to be implemented and we re are getting a growing body of data.	In progress
2	Secure access to suitable child friendly, safe, accessible premises for delivery of face-to-face work	Locate & agree terms with suitable delivery locations in Torquay and Paignton	Sept 23	Torr Abbey Lodge has been agreed for YJS use we are currently working with the Torr Abbey Architect to find out costings / feasibility of what would need to do for approval by English Heritage to agree to our use.	Delayed
2a	Outstanding Deep Dive April 2022 Recommendation Continue work to secure a range of local facilities that are fit for purpose to enable services to be delivered effectively to children.				

3	Further development of Trauma Recovery Model (TRM) through an Enhanced Case Management (ECM) approach with Child and Adolescents Mental Health Service (CAMHS).	Scope and agree the options for accessing and funding of psychology input to meet ECM best practice guidelines	Nov 23	FCAMHS are providing clinical supervision and case formulation guidance for YJS staff on a limited basis. A CAMHS worker has been offered a post and is due to start in November 23	In Progress
4	Review the role and provision of CAMHS to the Youth Justice Service	Ensure that children at TYJS have access to suitable accessible mental health services either through CAMHS staff or another provider.	Nov 23	We are seeking to agree a date to review the contract with CFHD for the provision of MH services to YJS.	Delayed
5	Review the success of the Targeted Prevention Service for children coming to the attention of the youth justice systems.	a) Audit offending rates following intervention. b) Ensure Turnaround funding requirements are met	July 23	a) New Performance report will have a live tracker of reoffending. b) Turnaround cases will be tracked in the new Performance report. c) Review of Prevention service is planned for November 23 all partners will be invited to take part in the review	In Progress
6	Ensuring children in contact with the Youth Justice Service are in appropriate education, training, or employment	Complete the Action Plan from the ETE Thematic Review.	Sept 23	a) Update Report was brought to May 23 Board, remaining actions in progress report was brought to the Sept 23 board and was signed off as completed. b) ETE report will be brought to Nov 23 Board re what YJS is doing to ensure cohort are in education following letter from head of YJB.	Completed
7	Swifter Justice - reduce delays across whole youth justice system	a) Create a system to track all youth cases from arrest to disposal. b) Devise an approach to influence all organisations awareness and reduce delays	May 23 Sept 23	a) System being devised but not yet in place. b) Once system has been devised this will be shared with partners and an escalation process agreed regarding delays will be agreed.	In Progress
8	More positive activities and opportunities for children.	Support the development of the new Torbay Youth Offer.	July 23	Torbay Council has contracted with a range of providers to enhance youth work provision in the bay (starting in Nov 23) and has brought other services back in house to increase the coordination	In progress
9	Improve the visibility and understanding of Youth Justice Service work – telling the good stories of children & the work of the YJS	Liaise with Torbay Council communications dept to develop better communications to inform the public & community about TYJS (website, leaflets, news articles?)	Sept 23	Website development as part of the Family Hubs website is planned but this has not yet started due to priority for other aspects to be delivered due to funding requirements.	Not started

10	Review the Quality of Youth Justice provision in Torbay.	Complete an audit against the YJB National Standards for Youth Justice Services.	October 23	Audited completed sent to YJB by the deadline and Report to Nov 23 Board.	Completed
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