



Inspection of
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Offending

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PUBLICATION OF INSPECTION REPORT Inspection of Youth Offending work in Cambridgeshire

The latest inspection report of Youth Offending work in England and Wales was published today.

Andy Smith, Assistant Chief Inspector, said:

“This Core Case Inspection of youth offending work in Cambridgeshire took place as part of the Inspection of Youth Offending programme. We have examined a representative sample of youth offending cases from the area, and we have judged how often the Public Protection and the Safeguarding aspects of the work were done to a sufficiently high level of quality.

“We judged that the Safeguarding aspects of the work were done well enough 83% the time. With the Public Protection aspects, work to keep to a minimum each individual’s *Risk of Harm to others* was done well enough 73% the time, and the work to make each individual less likely to reoffend was done well enough 85% the time. A more detailed analysis of our findings is provided in the main body of this report, and summarised in a table in Appendix 1. These figures can be viewed in the context of our findings from Wales and the regions of England inspected so far – see the Table below.

Overall, we consider this a creditable set of findings. We found an enthusiastic, knowledgeable and committed group of staff who were keen to deliver a high quality service and who understood the needs of the children and young people with whom they worked. Partnership work was effective and staff from a number of agencies were able to provide support to individuals and to their families. We

are confident that if the recommendations in this report are implemented the improvement required can be achieved and sustained.

	Scores from Wales and the English regions that have been inspected to date			Scores for Cambridge- shire
	Lowest	Highest	Average	
'Safeguarding' work <i>(action to protect the young person)</i>	37%	91%	67%	83%
'Risk of Harm to others' work <i>(action to protect the public)</i>	36%	86%	62%	73%
'Likelihood of Reoffending' work <i>(individual less likely to reoffend)</i>	43%	87%	70%	85%

NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The report is available at www.justice.gov.uk/about/hmi-probation/.
2. This Inspection of Youth Offending (IYO) programme started in April 2009. Youth Offending work in all 158 areas of England & Wales will be inspected over the course of a three-year cycle.
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