



Inspection of
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Offending

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PUBLICATION OF INSPECTION REPORT Inspection of Youth Offending work in Derbyshire

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

Julie Fox, Assistant Chief Inspector, said:

“This Core Case Inspection of youth offending work in Derbyshire 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 78% 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 72% the time, and the work to make each individual less likely to reoffend was done well enough 79% 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.

“Derbyshire Youth Offending Service benefited from enthusiastic staff who were committed to their work with children and young people who had offended. Overall, there was positive work with other agencies and good use was made of resources within the service and in the wider community to reduce reoffending and sustain progress. There remained scope for improvement at the assessment

and planning stage of work with children and young people, and in the effectiveness of management oversight at that point.

“Overall we consider this a creditable set of findings, demonstrating considerable improvement since our last inspection in 2007.”

| | Scores from Wales and the English regions that have been inspected to date | | | Scores for Derbyshire |
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| | Lowest | Highest | Average | |
| 'Safeguarding' work <i>(action to protect the young person)</i> | 37% | 91% | 68% | 78% |
| 'Risk of Harm to others' work <i>(action to protect the public)</i> | 36% | 86% | 62% | 72% |
| 'Likelihood of Reoffending' work <i>(individual less likely to reoffend)</i> | 43% | 88% | 71% | 79% |

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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