



Inspection of
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PUBLICATION OF INSPECTION REPORT Inspection of Youth Offending work in Ealing

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 Ealing 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.

“Overall, we consider this a reasonable set of findings, with *Risk of Harm to others* requiring particular attention.

“We judged that the Safeguarding aspects of the work were done well enough 64% 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 59% the time, and the work to make each individual less likely to reoffend was done well enough 67% 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.

“We found an enthusiastic and committed group of staff who were keen to deliver a high quality service. However, timely completion of assessments and plans was a particular concern which largely resulted from ineffective arrangements to cover

absence. Although management oversight was being undertaken, attention is needed to ensure this is effective in bringing about the desired outcomes.

However, 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 Ealing
	Lowest	Highest	Average	
'Safeguarding' work <i>(action to protect the young person)</i>	37%	91%	68%	64%
'Risk of Harm to others' work <i>(action to protect the public)</i>	36%	85%	63%	59%
'Likelihood of Reoffending' work <i>(individual less likely to reoffend)</i>	43%	87%	71%	67%

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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