



Inspection of  
Youth  
Offending

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# Press Notice

## Independent inspection of youth offending work



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### **PUBLICATION OF INSPECTION REPORT Inspection of Youth Offending work in Greenwich**

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 Greenwich 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 44% 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 42% the time, and the work to make each individual less likely to reoffend was done well enough 56% 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 very disappointing set of findings. However, Greenwich YOS had already recognised that changes were required and an improvement plan was in place. A new delivery structure that should also strengthen the focus on *Risk of Harm to others*, Safeguarding and quality assurance arrangements had recently been agreed. If implemented, these

developments, coupled with a supportive Management Board and plans to address our recommendations suggest that there are encouraging prospects for improvement.”

	Scores from Wales and the English regions that have been inspected to date			Scores for Greenwich
	Lowest	Highest	Average	
<b>'Safeguarding' work</b> <i>(action to protect the young person)</i>	37%	91%	68%	44%
<b>'Risk of Harm to others' work</b> <i>(action to protect the public)</i>	36%	85%	63%	42%
<b>'Likelihood of Reoffending' work</b> <i>(individual less likely to reoffend)</i>	43%	87%	71%	56%

## NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The report is available at <http://www.justice.gov.uk/about/hmi-probation/index.htm>.
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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