



Inspection of  
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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 Southend on Sea**

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 Southend on Sea 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 85% of 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% of the time, and the work to make each individual less likely to reoffend was done well enough 88% of 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 the YOS staff group and managers to be enthusiastic and committed to delivering high quality services to children and young people.

Over the last 18 months the YOS had faced changes in budgetary provision and had undergone a process of restructuring. It was evident that the YOS had worked hard to accommodate these changes whilst still maintaining service delivery and a clear focus on their work with the children and young people.

Overall, we consider this to be a creditable set of findings. We anticipate that the recommendations in this report will be implemented and will contribute to further improvements in the services delivered by the YOS.

	Scores from Wales and the English regions that have been inspected to date			<b>Scores for Southend on Sea</b>
	Lowest	Highest	Average	
<b>'Safeguarding' work</b> <i>(action to protect the young person)</i>	37%	91%	67%	<b>85%</b>
<b>'Risk of Harm to others' work</b> <i>(action to protect the public)</i>	36%	86%	62%	<b>73%</b>
<b>'Likelihood of Reoffending' work</b> <i>(individual less likely to reoffend)</i>	43%	87%	70%	<b>88%</b>

## NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The report is available at [www.justice.gov.uk/about/hmi-probation/](http://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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