

# **YOUTH OFFENDING**

## **CORE CASE INSPECTION CRITERIA**

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# 1. ASSESSMENT AND SENTENCE PLANNING

## **1.1 General Criterion: Risk of Harm to others (RoH) Assessment and planning**

*The assessment of RoH is comprehensive, accurate and timely, takes victims' issues into account and uses Asset and other relevant assessment tools. Plans are in place to manage RoH.*

1.1a A timely Asset Risk of Serious Harm (RoSH) screening is completed accurately at the start of sentence and, where indicated, a full Asset RoSH analysis is completed to a sufficient standard. It specifies the nature and level of risk to victims, including the public and staff and covers diversity issues.

1.1b All RoSH assessments draw adequately on Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA), other agencies' and previous assessments, and cover victim issues sufficiently, where applicable.

1.1c In appropriate cases a comprehensive and current risk management plan (RMP) is completed; it covers victim and diversity issues sufficiently, where applicable.

1.1d The Asset RoSH classification, the MAPPA category and level where applicable and details of the RMP are clear and accurate and have been communicated to all relevant staff.

1.1e Management oversight of *ROH* assessment is effectively undertaken.

## **1.2 General Criterion: Likelihood of Reoffending (LoR)– Assessment and planning**

*The assessment of the LoR is comprehensive, accurate and timely and uses Asset and other relevant assessment tools. Plans are in place to reduce LoR.*

1.2a There is active engagement with the child or young person and parents/ carers to carry out an assessment of the LoR.

1.2b A timely assessment of the factors linked to offending, relevant to the individual child or young person, is carried out to a sufficient standard, using Asset. Positive influences such as supportive and pro-social factors are also identified as are any relevant diversity issues.

1.2c Assessments draw on those previously carried out, including those of other agencies, for example the police, prisons, antisocial behaviour teams (ASB teams), children's social care services, education, health and others.

1.2d Intervention plans, based on Asset, address factors linked to offending, integrate RMPs and take account of Safeguarding needs.

1.2e Intervention plans give a clear shape to the order, focus on achievable change, reflect the sentencing purposes, set relevant goals for each child or young person and meet the requirements of national standards.

1.2f Intervention plans are sequenced according to *RoH* and offending-related need, taking reasonable account of the child or young person's individual

circumstances and abilities, diversity considerations and issues relating to victims.

1.2g Asset and the intervention plan are reviewed regularly at appropriate intervals.

1.2h. The child or young person, parent/ carer and relevant external agencies are actively and meaningfully involved in the planning process.

### **1.3 General Criterion: Safeguarding – Assessment and planning**

*The assessment of Safeguarding needs is comprehensive, accurate and timely and uses Asset and other relevant assessment tools. Plans are in place to manage Safeguarding and reduce vulnerability.*

1.3a There was active engagement with the child or young person and parents/ carers to assess Safeguarding needs.

1.3b Assessments of Safeguarding needs draw on those of other agencies including those previously carried out by the police, prisons, children's social care services, education, health and others.

1.3c An active and timely assessment of the child or young person's individual Safeguarding needs is carried out, taking into account any disadvantaging/ discriminatory factors including diversity issues.

1.3d Safeguarding is fully and accurately reviewed at appropriate intervals in all cases.

1.3e A timely vulnerability management plan (VMP) is completed to a sufficient standard where relevant, contributes to and informs interventions, and other plans.

1.3f A contribution is made, through the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) (if appropriate, where developed and implemented) to other assessments and plans designed to Safeguard the child or young person.

## 2. DELIVERY AND REVIEW OF INTERVENTIONS

### **2.1 General Criterion: Protecting the public by minimising Risk of Harm to others**

*All reasonable actions have been taken to protect the public by keeping to a minimum the child or young person's RoH to others.*

2.1a RoH to others is actively managed throughout the course of the sentence as a high priority. It is thoroughly reviewed within the required timescales and always following a significant change that might give rise to concern. Changes in RoH/ acute factors are anticipated wherever feasible, identified swiftly and acted upon appropriately to protect the public.

2.1b MAPPA are utilised effectively for appropriate cases.

2.1c Case managers and all other relevant staff contribute effectively to MAPPA processes including following through actions from MAPPA meetings and contributing to other multi-agency meetings as appropriate.

2.1d Purposeful home visits are carried out in accordance with the assessed level of RoH and any Safeguarding issues, throughout the course of the sentence.

2.1e High priority is given to issues of victim safety particularly for those deemed vulnerable.

2.1f Appropriate resources are allocated according to the assessed RoH throughout the sentence.

### **2.2 General Criterion: Reducing the Likelihood of Reoffending**

*The case manager coordinates and facilitates the structured delivery of all elements of the intervention plan.*

2.2a Identified, good quality interventions, including those of external agencies, are delivered to reduce the LoR and reviewed appropriately. They are properly sequenced and take into account individual needs, including diversity considerations

2.2b Appropriate resources are allocated according to the LoR throughout the sentence.

2.2c All requirements of the sentence are fully implemented and are in line with effective practice. *(To go live when YRO implemented)*

2.2d Staff actively motivate children and young people throughout the course of their sentence and reinforce positive behaviour.

### **2.3 General Criterion: Safeguarding the child or young person**

*All reasonable actions have been taken to safeguard and reduce the vulnerability of the child or young person.*

2.3a All necessary immediate action is taken to safeguard and protect the child or young person and any other affected child or young person.

2.3b All necessary referrals are made to other relevant agencies, who then work together to promote the Safeguarding and well-being of the child or young person.

2.3c Specific interventions are identified and delivered to promote Safeguarding, including those identified in the VMP, and are reviewed in line with national standards or following a significant change.

2.3d. Operational management in relation to Safeguarding and vulnerability needs is effectively undertaken within a clear policy and practice framework.

2.3e Staff promote the well-being of children and young people and support them throughout the course of their sentence.

## 3. OUTCOMES

### 3.1 General Criterion: Achievement of outcomes

*Outcomes are achieved in relation to RoH, LoR and Safeguarding.*

3.1a Positive outcomes are achieved in respect of:

- *RoH* – the public has been better protected, with any *RoH* successfully managed (or reduced) because all reasonable steps have been taken to keep to a minimum the individual's *RoH to others*.
- *LoR* – there has been compliance with requirements, a reduction in needs relating to factors linked to offending and reduced reoffending.
- Safeguarding – there has been a reduction in vulnerability and safeguarding needs, and children and young people feel safer.

### 3.2 General Criterion: Sustaining Outcomes.

*Outcomes are sustained in relation to RoH, LoR and Safeguarding.*

3.2a Sustainable outcomes are capable of being achieved through the consistent delivery of well-sequenced, child-centred interventions utilising partnership resources which facilitate a successful reintegration into the community.