



Inspection of  
Youth  
Offending

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### **EMBARGOED UNTIL 19 AUGUST 2009 PUBLICATION OF INSPECTION REPORT Inspection of Youth Offending work in Halton and Warrington**

The latest inspection report of Youth Offending work in England and Wales was published today. Alan MacDonald, Assistant Chief Inspector, said:

“This Core Case Inspection of youth offending work in Halton and Warrington 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. Our findings will also feed into the wider annual Comprehensive Area Assessment process.

Over the combined area as a whole, we judged that the Safeguarding aspects of the work were done well enough 79 % 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 76 % of the time, and the work to make each individual less likely to reoffend was done well enough 78 % of the time.

We found that the YOT was performing well in many key areas. There was a good understanding and response to managing *Risk of Harm to others* with a range of interventions designed to reduce the Likelihood of Reoffending. Attention was also paid to meeting the individual needs of children and young people. The YOT had developed strong effective partnerships with others, which supported public protection and were of benefit to children and young people.

Overall, we consider this a very creditable set of findings, and the recommendations made are intended to assist the YOT in continuing improvement, and to focus on a few key areas. Given a number of recent changes to the workforce of the YOT, including the appointment of a team of operational managers, the commitment of the staff and the joint working arrangements,

prospects for the development of work with children and young people in both Halton and Warrington are positive.”

## **NOTES FOR EDITORS**

1. The report is available at [www.inspectorates.justice.gov.uk/hmiprobation/](http://www.inspectorates.justice.gov.uk/hmiprobation/)
2. This Inspection of Youth Offending (IYO) programme started in April 2009. Youth Offending work in all 157 areas of England & Wales will be inspected over the course of a three-year cycle.
3. In England, the results of these inspections provide a source of evidence for the Comprehensive Area Assessment in the relevant local area(s). Comparable arrangements for Wales are being planned.
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