



Inspection of  
Youth  
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## Independent inspection of youth offending work



### **EMBARGOED UNTIL 00:01 09 SEPTEMBER 2009 PUBLICATION OF INSPECTION REPORT Inspection of Youth Offending work in Knowsley**

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 Knowsley 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.

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 85% of the time, and the work to make each individual less likely to reoffend was done well enough 82% of the time.

We found evidence of some very excellent work, assessments done on time and to a good quality, Risk of Harm and Safeguarding rigorously considered and plans put in place to address consequential concerns. Recording of work undertaken with children and young people was well evidenced and confirmed the picture that this was a YOS that had taken stock of what it needed to do and had moved substantially towards delivering a consistently good service to children and young people in Knowsley. While there was still scope for outcomes to be better, the sound practice evidenced within both assessment and planning and delivery of interventions should provide a sound platform to reap improvements there as well.

These are very creditable inspection findings.”

#### **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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