



Inspection of
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EMBARGOED UNTIL 00:01 – 23 SEPTEMBER 2009 PUBLICATION OF INSPECTION REPORT Inspection of Youth Offending work in Liverpool

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 Liverpool 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 48% 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 49% of the time, and the work to make each individual less likely to reoffend was done well enough 56% of the time.

Overall, we consider this a disappointing set of findings particularly in view of the recommendations around *Risk of Harm to others*, Safeguarding work and links with children’s social care services made in the last inspection report published in January 2008. Work had been carried out by the YOT in response to that report and the recommendations from the recent inspection repeat the emphasis on those areas of practice.”

NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. The report is available at www.justice.gov.uk/inspectorates/hmi-probation/
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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